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KAWATANI

SHINO'S CO-WORKER. KISSED SHINO ONCE WHEN HE WAS DRUNK.

MASAKI

SHINO'S EX-BOYFRIEND. A SERIOUS AND BRUTAL MAN.

TEN-CHAN

A SHY GAY GUY. HE'S SHINO'S CO-WORKER AT "VIDEO CLUB".

KYOSHIRO SUGAWARA

AN INDECISIVE GUY. HE IS DATING AKARI. HE'S THE BOSS AT "VIDEO CLUB", AND HIS NICKNAME IS "BEARD-MAN".

AKARI NARITA

SHE LIVES WITH KYOSHIRO AND IS AN "OPERATOR" ON A DATING WEBSITE.

SHINO UMEMIYA

SHE HAS A SECRET CRUSH ON KYOSHIRO, HER BOSS WHO LIVES NEXT DOOR TO HER.

SUMMARY

AFTER SHINO SPLIT UP WITH HER BOYFRIEND, SHE MOVED OUT OF HER HOUSE TO START A NEW LIFE. LITTLE BY LITTLE, SHE GREW AN ATTRACTION FOR HER NEIGHBOUR KYOSHIRO. ONE NIGHT, SHE DECIDED TO TAKE THE PLUNGE AND CONFESS TO HIM.

MY
LIKE IT'S
WITH

BUT THE FEELING THAT SOMETHING WOULD HAPPEN
NO IT WASN'T LOVE
I ALSO FELT SOMETHING WHEN WE MET
JUST LIKE AKARI SAID...
IS THERE SOMETHING GOING ON...
BETWEEN YOU AND SUGAWARA?
WELL, HE NEVER STOPS YOU FROM DOING WHAT YOU WANT' HE JUST PUTS UP WITH IT EVERY TIME
'SCUSE ME?
HE SAID TO ME, "IT BOTHERS ME WALKING HER BACK HOME."
AND AS A RESULT THERE ARE FEWER PEOPLE ON NIGHT SHIFT...
NO
THE OPPOSITE
AND YOU TURNED HIM DOWN?
WHAT WAS IT DID HE COME ON TO YOU,

OH, FINE!
CAN'T I TAKE THE ELEVATOR?
DO I HAVE TO CARRY THIS TO THE FOURTH FLOOR?
WHAT? THE OPPOSITE?
JAPANESE PARCEL SERVICE
JAPANESE PARCEL SERVICE
PARCEL RVICE
Push
Doors
Push
Get in

HUH? LISTEN UP. I DON'T HAVE ANY TIME TO WASTE, SO I'LL MAKE IT QUICK!
MH?
FOURTH FLOOR?
SOMETIMES... DO YOU THINK THAT THE WORLD IS DOOMED?
WHAT?
SHOULD WE DO EVERYTHING WE CAN TO ENSURE THAT THE NEXT GENERATION HAS A FUTURE?
I GUESS I MEAN... I'M SICK OF THE NEWS... THE STREETS LOOKING IN MIRROR.
I THINK ABOUT IT BEFORE I GO TO SLEEP EVERY NIGHT. I'M SUCH A PESSIMIST
MUTTER
MUTTER
AH... REALLY?
BUT WORKING AT NIGHT TAKES MY MIND OFF OF IT
WHAT CHARM AND BEAUTY IS THERE IN LIFE? WHAT KINDS OF DREAMS CAN WE REACH FOR?

I'LL GET STRAIGHT TO THE POINT. I WANT TO KEEP WALKING HOME TOGETHER!
TIIIING
...
YOU WANT TO KNOW THE ANSWER? LOVE!
ALL THESE MOVIES... ARE ABOUT DREAMS AND LOVE!
KIDS CO
BZZZ...
LOOK, UME MIYA. ,
AND ANOTHER THING! DON'T USE THE ELEVATOR FROM NOW ON!
Enough is enough!
OK!?
WATCH THEM INSTEAD OF TALKING SUCH NONSENSE!
YOU HANDLE THE JAPANESE MOVIES AND ANIME I'LL BET YOU DON'T KNOW EVEN ONE OF THEM!

BUT ...
FINE ...
I WON'T USE THE ELEVATOR ANY MORE.
WHAT, ARE YOU UNHAPPY?
Shocked
IF YOU DO THAT, YOU'RE FIRED!
WHEN YOU'RE WALKING HOME, I'M COMING WITH YOU!
I ALWAYS THOUGHT I WAS PRETTY PERSUASIVE WITH MEN...
REJECTED AGAIN!
AHHH!
Close

BUT... I THINK WHAT I SAID DIDN'T PRODUCE THE RESULT I WANTED...
...BUT, IN FACT...
OH, YOU?
SHIT, YOU'RE REALLY A PAIN IN THE ASS.
...
...
IF SHE SEES US TOGETHER, SHE'LL MAKE ANOTHER HUGE FUSS.
AKARI'S GOING TO WORK FROM HOME.
STARTING NEXT MONTH...

IT ISN'T WORTH IT
SHIT
I'VE HAD ENOUGH
I HOPE YOU UNDERSTAND WHERE I'M COMING FROM.
WELL IT'S NOT WHAT I WANT!
I KNOW IT'S STUPID, BUT IT'S WHAT I WANT...
THEN ...
THEN, WE CAN JUST WALK HOME TOGETHER, UNTIL AKARI GOES BACK TO WORK IN THE OFFICE!
OF COURSE NOT! OF COURSE I WANT MORE THAN THAT!
NO!
AND THAT'S FINE WITH YOU??
JUST WALKING HOME TOGETHER?

NOTHING WILL HAPPEN, I SWEAR!
NO .!
I'LL
I'LL MAKE SURE OF IT!
FOR SOMETHING DEEPER TO HAPPEN.
"JUST A LITTLE BIT" IS ENOUGH
BUT, I ALREADY TOLD YOU
I JUST WANT TO SPEND TIME WITH YOU EVEN JUST FOR A LITTLE BIT!
THAT'S NOT WHAT I MEANT!
I don't understand anything is she crazy?!
I COULDN'T BE MORE SERIOUS.
IT'S JUST THAT... I'M LOST I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO DO, THAT'S ALL ..
IT LOOKS TO ME... LIKE YOU'RE TEASING ME
WHY!?
WHY ...?

Open!
IF THAT'S NOT HOW YOU WANT IT, THEN WHY DON'T WE JUST PLAY WITH FIRE?
I WON'T PUSH YOU AWAY
IT'S FINE LET'S JUST DO IT.
IT'S MY BREAK ONLY ME NOBODY WILL HEAR US!
WHAT IF SOMEBODY HEARS YOU!?
HEY, GIRL!
HAHAHA!
SOMEHOW I THINK...
HEY, THIS OFFER'S ONLY FOR TODAY!
LEAVE ME ALONE!
IT'S DRIVING ME CRAZY!
YOU'RE SO DAMN ANNOYING!
WHAT IS IT THAT YOU REALLY WANT!?

THAT HE'S GETTING TO HAVE FEELINGS FOR ME, TOO...
THAT'S A RISK I JUST HAVE TO TAKE...
BUT I GUESS...
HE'LL TOTALLY HATE ME!
IF I JUST KEEP PUSHING...
TRIP
'NIGHT
GOOD NIGHT!
EVEN IF THAT THOUGHT SCARES ME
WHEN I MADE THAT OFFER... I DIDN'T REALLY MEAN IT. I COULDN'T GO THAT FAR.
FOR SURE...
SHE'S TEASING ME...

WHICH ONE SHOULD I WATCH FIRST?
CLANG
Background music
GOOD MORNING!
JAPANESE MOVIES..
HA!
WHAT ARE YOU LAUGHING AT?
HO HO
OH, SHINO
YOU'RE EARLY TODAY
I MADE IT AT HOME WITH SOME FRIENDS
WELL IT'S JUST AN AMATEUR MOVIE.
Director
Camera
Music
Film ed.
Weather Tales
Skies in Tears
Yellow Rainbow
EXCUSE ME.. I THOUGHT IT WAS THE SAME
It's not for rent
WHAT ?!
HUH ?!
TA TADA...
HOW MANY MONTHS HAS IT BEEN SINCE SOMEBODY RENTED IT?
There's your name on it?
YOU MADE A MOVIE!?
TADA,
LOOKS LIKE SOMEBODY'S RENTING YOUR MOVIE.
AH

I ENTERED IT IN A "RENTAL TRIP" CONTEST TWO YEARS AGO...
THE ENTRIES WERE CIRCULATED IN VIDEO STORES AND CUSTOMERS VOTED FOR THEM...
WE PLACED AROUND THIRTY...
NOBODY VOTED FOR OURS!
THE ONLY PEOPLE WHO VOTED FOR US WERE OUR FRIENDS AND PEOPLE WE TOLD...
YEAH...
ANYWAY, I THINK THAT CONTEST WAS RIGGED.
FIRST PRIZE WENT TO A THIRD RATE FILM...
It was silly of me to enter.
BUT TADA'S FILM'S NOT HALF BAD!
It's fine. It's like about connecting else.
YEAH, IT WAS GOOD. LOOK. EVEN THE BOSS, WHO'S SO SURLY...
HE KEPT IT ON THE SHELVES EVEN AFTER THE CONTEST FINISHED...
OOO... OOH
SORRY, TADA, I'M WATCHING YOUR MOVIE FOR THE WRONG REASONS
I'LL CHECK IT OUT
IF THE BOSS LIKED IT...
PF-PPHOUH
HEY!
WHAT HAPPENED
WHY DO YOU LOOK LIKE THAT SO EARLY IN THE MORNING?

BUT HE DOESN'T LIKE ME BACK, SO DON'T GO SPREADING AROUND RUMOURS THAT AREN'T TRUE!
IT'S TRUE, I LIKE HIM!
LISTEN TO ME!
And on top of that you're moody!
DON'T BE LIKE THAT WE ALL KNOW YOU GUYS WENT HOME TOGETHER..
WHAT A WEIRD QUESTION!
THAT'S AS FAR AS IT GOES!
TEEENNN !!
AND I TOLD THEM "THEY MUST HAVE AT LEAST SLEPT TOGETHER, RIGHT?"
SOMEONE ASKED ME WHAT WAS GOING ON BETWEEN YOU TWO,
OH
TOO LATE FOR THAT
KAWATANI
WHO DID YOU SAY THAT TO!?
DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT, HE'S NOT THE GOSSIPING TYPE
WHO WAS IT!?
WHAT'S THE PROBLEM? YOU SHOULDN'T GET THAT POOR GUY'S HOPES UP

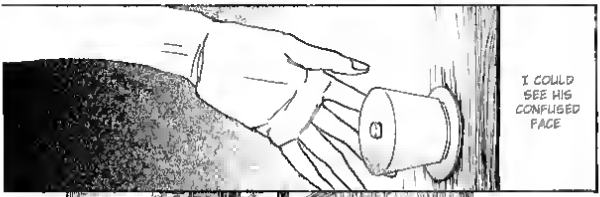
YOU'RE THE TYPE...
WHO DOESN'T GET REALLY INVOLVED, YOU GO FROM ONE GUY TO ANOTHER, LIKE A BUTTERFLY
WHAT?!
NO! I'M ACTUALLY THE TYPE THAT DOESN'T KNOW WHAT TO DO!
WHENEVER MEN ARE NICE TO ME I FALL ON MY KNEES AND SAY STUFF LIKE "I DON'T DESERVE YOU... THANK YOU..."
IF KAWATANI WERE ONE OF YOUR GUYS...
huh?!
I WOULDN'T BE FRIENDS WITH YOU ANYMORE BELIEVE ME.
OH
THAT'S RIGHT...
TEN-CHAN LIKES GUYS LIKE KAWATANI.

A LOT OF GUYS MAKE ADVANCES TOW..RD WHOEVER THEY LIKE...
I DON'T BELIEVE HIM.
I'M GAY, BUT I'M SHY...
TEN-CHAN IS ALWAYS INSISTING...
"I DON'T LIKE THE ONES THAT MAKE ADVANCES TOWARD ME, BUT THERE'S ONE GUY I WOULDN'T MIND..."
HOW CAN I SAY IT... I THINK THAT...
AND I BET TEN-CHAN HIDES THE FACT THAT HE LIKES KAWATANI
KAWATANI IS PRETTY STOIC
THAT'S...
DAMN BEAUTIFUL..
...

...
IT'S HEALTHFUL
TADA IS REALLY TALENTED!
WHAT A FANTASTIC MOVIE!
BRILLIANT!
That girl was full of dreams and love!
THEY MAKE A PERFECT WALL
AT FIRST, WHEN I WENT TO THAT FASHION SCHOOL,
AFINALLY THE (BOXES) ARE STAYING LIKE THAT
BUT THE LONGER I WORKED, THE MORE I REALIZED THAT IT WASN'T FOR ME
IT WASN'T THAT I DIDN'T LIKE IT, I DID
MY FRIENDS AND I JUST IMITATED FAMOUS FASHION DESIGNERS
AND AFTER THAT, I WAS AN INTERN AT A SHOP
Made

Crunch
BUT
I DID ENJOY IT
Crunch
Crunch
Crunch
JUST NOW,
IF I'D OPENED THE WINDOW...
I WOULD HAVE SEEN HIM

IF I KNOCK ON THE DOOR...
AKARI'S NOT AT HOME.
THIS IS A GOOD TIME
SLAM


I COULD SEE HIS CONFUSED FACE

BUT...
THAT WOULDN'T BE GOOD

HE MUST ALREADY BE..
REALLY CONFUSED.
I JUST HAVE TO THINK OF AN EVEN MORE TWISTED TRICK TO WIN HIM!
ALL MY LIFE... I'VE NEVER DONE ONE GOOD DEED...
DOES EVERYONE LOOK TWISTED... BECAUSE I MYSELF AM TWISTED.?
TRIP
TRIP

LET'S START WITH SOME OF THE RECOMMENDED TITLES
YEAH
Special! Arm
Say nothing and let yourself be embraced by Renji Ishiwashi!
Under the endless rain a couple shares a fantastic embrace
HMMM
AAAH
BOSS, ARE YOU STANDING IN FOR SOMEBODY?
CLANC
!
CLANC
CLANC
CLANC

DON'T YOU EVER GET TIRED OF PLAYING THE BAD GUY?
DON'T SAY THAT!
I'M WORKING, DON'T DISTURB ME!
THAT WAS SUPPOSED TO BE A JOKE!
I'M NOT PLAYING!
YEAH
HE'S SEEN ALMOST EVERYTHING
KAWATANI PROBABLY WROTE IT
YEAH, WE ALWAYS SEE HIM SCRIBBLING COMMENTS (WHILE WE HAVE TO TIDY UP)
THAT MOVIE DID SOMEONE RECOMMEND IT TO YOU?
WELL, THE COMMENT ON THE BOX WAS POSITIVE SO I THOUGHT...
WHAT'S THAT?
WHAT?

I'LL MUSTER UP EVERY SCRAP OF LOGIC I HAVE, AND I WON'T WAIT FOR HIM!

SINCE HE'S BEING LIKE THAT!

I WON'T WAIT FOR HIM

BZZZZZZZZ
TUUUUU
TUUUUU
MOUF !
BOUHOUUUU
TEN-CHAN!
SORRY ABOUT YESTERDAY!
HELLO? DID I WAKE YOU UP?
TRIP
OH, A MOVIE?
WHICH ONE?
SHIT ARE YOU CRYING OR SOMETHING?
I DON'T KNOW THAT MOVIE
IT'S SO BEAUTIFUL... WHY DON'T YOU COME OVER RIGHT NOW, I WANT TO TALK ABOUT IT! BOOHOO...!
SOMETHING THAT YOUR BOY, KAWATANI RECOMMENDED! HE WROTE "LET YOURSELF BE EMBRACED BY RENJI"...

IF YOU ASK ME, I THINK THE BEARD-MAN WROTE THAT RECOMMENDATION.
HE REALLY LIKED THAT MOVIE. HE SAID THE HERO INSPIRED HIM.
WHAT AN IDIOT. HUH?
BUT IF IT'S SO GOOD, HOW ABOUT IF I GO TO YOUR PLACE AND WATCH IT??
...
NO, THAT'S OKAY. IT WON'T BE NECESSARY.
TRIP
Rattle
Calls
HELLO ?!

DVD VIDEO C
CLAC
NOTHING MORE!
THAT WAS JUST A COINCIDENCE,

BUT...
IT'S TRUE, THAT MOVIE TOUCHED ME. BUT IT HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH THE BOSS!
IT'S JUST A COINCIDENCE THAT I READ THAT RECOMMENDATION.
WHAT A MARVELOUS COINCIDENCE!

Crunch
THAT I CAN BE SCARY
TODAY WON'T BE THE LAST TIME...
YOU'LL SEE
PFFHOU
PFFHOU
PFFHOU
BUT...TH..T'S NOT WHAT I WANT...
GO AHEAD HATE ME!
BUT WHAT I WANT...

AAAAAAH!
I THOUGHT YOU'D BE HERE. WHAT A GOOD GUESS.

AH!
I BET THAT MOVIE MADE YOU CRY!
WELL, JUNKO IS THE SAME.
TOO SEXY, THOUGH, RIGHT?
HE'S SO GOOD!
RENJI, TH..T BASTARD ...
HEY, WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
Hey!
WHY AREN'T YOU GOING BACK HOME?

she's smiling
DON'T GET THE WRONG IDEA. IT'S ONLY FOR TODAY
YOU CAN THANK RENJI

THE WORLD SEEMS SO WONDERFUL NOW....

YES.... WONDERFUL.... EVEN FROM MY TWISTED POINT OF VIEW

THIS IS THE LAST TIME WE'LL WALK HOME TOGETHER.
WITH EACH STEP, MY HEART LEAPS.
AND IS LIKE THAT.

Shino
& Kyoshiro

made by mia

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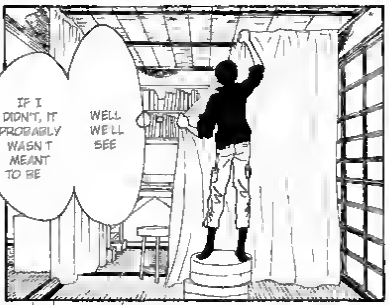
Mature Shoujo

WARNING: This manga contains scenes of nudity and sex

I WAS BRIMMING WITH IMPATIENCE

IN AN ECSTATIC MOMENT AFTER LEAVING MY PARENTS' HOME I SENT WHAT I'D WRITTEN TO THE PUBLISHER. I COULDN'T WAIT ANY LONGER.



IN SHORT I BORROWED THE STORY FROM MY OWN LIFE. SO I COULDN'T CALL IT "ORIGINAL."

IT IS THE DULL STORY OF A GIRL WHO LIVES IN THE NORTH SIDE WHOSE LIFE IS LIKE THAT OF THOUSANDS OF OTHER PEOPLE

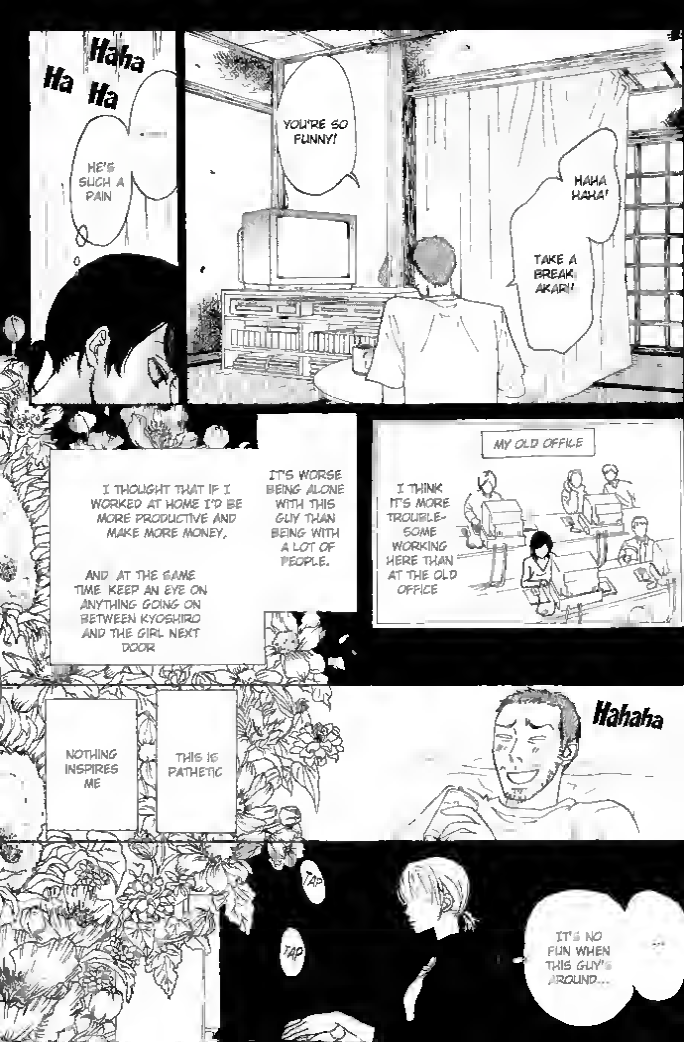
I JUST EMBELLISHED DETAILS OF THE DIARY I'VE KEPT

I CAN DO BETTER THAN THAT I KNOW IT. BUT I COULDN'T WAIT ANY LONGER.

9

I'VE ONLY WRITTEN LUSTY THINGS FOR THE PEOPLE ON THE SITE.
TAP
TAP
TAP
WHERE DID MY IMPATIENCE COME FROM?
SINCE I STARTED LIVING WITH HIM...
CLAC
TAP
TAP
I'M HOME!
DID YOU HEAR ME?
TAP
OH?

DON'T COME IN!
WHAT'S WITH THIS CURTAIN ...?
TAP
TAP
TAP
YOU DISTRACT ME!
DON'T BOTHER ME UNTIL I'VE FINISHED.
I'LL LEAVE YOU ALONE, I SWEAR!
FINE, FINE!
Squeeze
I BROUGHT A GOOD VIDEO
I DON'T HAVE TIME!
HEY
OUARK !


Haha
Ha Ha
HE'S SUCH A PAIN
YOU'RE SO FUNNY!
HAHA HAHA!
TAKE A BREAK, AKARI!
I THOUGHT THAT IF I WORKED AT HOME I'D BE MORE PRODUCTIVE AND MAKE MORE MONEY.
AND AT THE SAME TIME KEEP AN EYE ON ANYTHING GOING ON BETWEEN KYOSHIRO AND THE GIRL NEXT DOOR
IT'S WORSE BEING ALONE WITH THIS GUY THAN BEING WITH A LOT OF PEOPLE.
MY OLD OFFICE
I THINK IT'S MORE TROUBLE-SOME WORKING HERE THAN AT THE OLD OFFICE
NOTHING INSPIRES ME
THIS IS PATHETIC
Hahaha
TAP
TAP
IT'S NO FUN WHEN THIS GUY'S AROUND...

IF ONLY HE WAS CHEATING ON ME OR SOMETHING ....
THEN I'D HAVE A REASON TO LEAVE HIM.
Zzzzzzzzz...
THE TV IS STILL ON, THE ASHTRAY IS OVERFLOWING AND THERE'S A MESS ALL OVER THE TABLE
..
HEY
GO TO BED
TSK
OUCH
TURN OFF

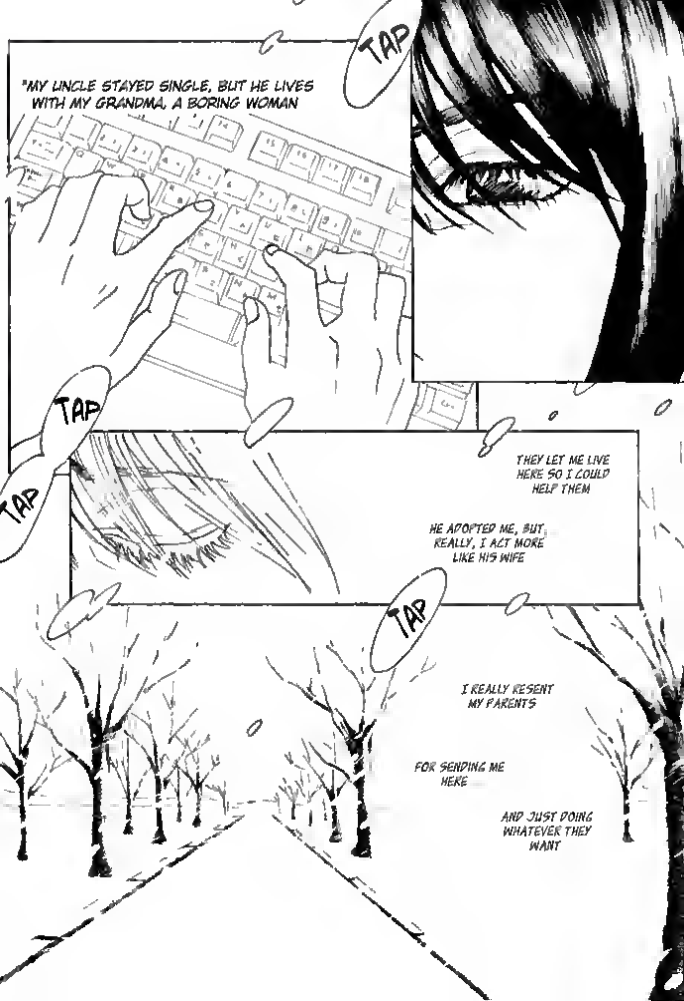
I DIDN'T THINK I'D BE STAYING HERE FOR SO LONG...

BUT...

WHAT AM I DOING HERE?

I'D ALSO LIKE TO BE TAKEN CARE OF, BUT NOT IN THE WAY YOU THINK
I'M 21 AND I WORK FOR ADEKANSU, THE HAIR CARE. I'M PROBABLY A BIT STRANGE BECAUSE
From: Abare
Subject: To Hair Check-chan
I absolutely want to see you! Here is my email: 1234@jp-xyz-n
I'm really curious Would you mind giving me a treatment? (I've had a lot of problems before and would be ashamed to meet yo otherwise)
Nice to meet you! I'm 32, well groomed, shaved, not b
HM... HOW WOULD I FEEL IF I WERE BEING TRICKED LIKE ALL THESE GUYS?
NOT BAD FOR A WOMAN WHO'S NEVER WRITTEN SOMETHING LIKE THAT BEFORE
OH, I ACTUAL-LY GOT REPLIES
From: Hisaki
Subject: To Hair Check-chan
You're really an operator, aren't you? I've already met a lot of others like you, ladies who write tempting things to keep the guys coming. I bet it's really hard work
HMM?

THIS TIME
TAP
TAP
ACTUALLY, ALMOST ALL OF MY CO-WORKER'S ARE MEN
THAT SOUNDS LIKE A STUPID JOB
OPERATOR?
LET'S TRY A PERSONALITY THAT WILL TEMPT MEN
It's true! I work part time for Aderansu!
MY NAME
IS
SHINO
TAP
TAP
TAP
I LIVE IN ONE OF MY UNCLE'S APARTMENTS I'M HIS MISTRESS


"MY UNCLE STAYED SINGLE, BUT HE LIVES WITH MY GRANDMA, A BORING WOMAN
TAP
TAP
TAP
TAP
THEY LET ME LIVE HERE SO I COULD HELP THEM
HE ADOPTED ME, BUT, REALLY, I ACT MORE LIKE HIS WIFE
I REALLY RESENT MY PARENTS
FOR SENDING ME HERE
AND JUST DOING WHATEVER THEY WANT

BUT NOW I TELL MYSELF "THAT'S HOW LIFE IS"

I EVEN TELL MYSELF "ON THE CONTRARY I'M GLAD IT TURNED OUT LIKE THIS."

BESIDES, I DON'T HATE MY UNCLE.

QUITE THE OPPOSITE

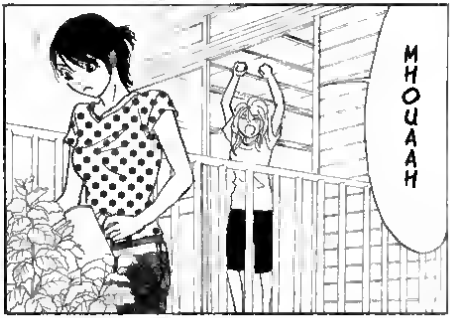
TAP

TAP

TAP

...
Sandra
ZZZ
ZZZ
...
WHEN I M IN HIS ARMS
HMM
...THAT REASSURES ME I'M HAPPY I'M REASSURED, AND HAPPY
AND I FEEL HIS WARMTH, AND HIS STRENGTH

LET'S JUST SAY
I DIDN'T WANT YOU



G...
GOOD MORNING!
HA...
HUH...
THANKS FOR THE TOMATOES AND EVERYTHING ELSE!
HEY,
I HAVE A QUESTION
WHAT IS IT THAT YOU LIKE ABOUT KYOSHIRO?
HE'S SO DULL!
SO WHY DON'T YOU FORGET ABOUT HIM?
YOU COULD ALWAYS GO FOR SOMEONE ELSE, RIGHT?

YES HE IS!
HE'S NOT DULL!
...
H...
crush
...I...
I DON'T UNDERSTAND YOU
IS IT BECAUSE YOU'RE JEALOUS BECAUSE YOU RE IN LOVE WITH HIM TOO?
WHY DID YOU RUIN THE GARDEN?
WHY DID YOU FLY AT MY THROAT?

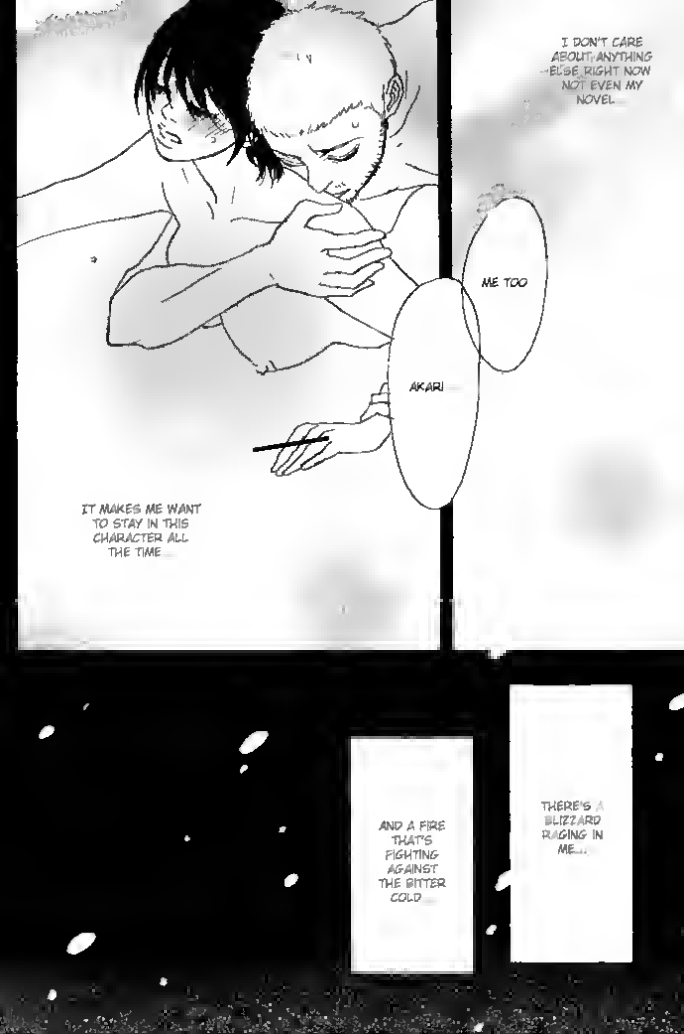
WELL, I DON'T GIVE A DAMN WHAT YOU OR KYOSHIRO THINK ABOUT ME!
HA! IS THAT WHAT YOU THINK?
...
I WAS SURE THAT NOTHING WOULD CHANGE MY MIND.
CLIC
OH!

IF YOU DISCOVER THAT THERE'S SOMETHING SPECIAL BETWEEN YOU AND YOUR UNCLE, NOTHING CAN REPLACE THAT RELATIONSHIP! IT MUST BE WONDERFUL. BY THE WAY, WHAT KIND OF THINGS DO YOU DO FOR HIM?

... HE BELIEVES ME?
NOTHING CAN REPLACE THAT RELATIONSHIP
WHAT SHOULD I SAY...
SO YOU KEEP ON BELIEVING ME?
LISTEN—
WHAT...?

DO YOU WANT ME...
INSIDE OF YOU?
USE YOUR MOUTH TO ANSWER
...
AH!
... SHIT!
YOU'RE REALLY INTO IT!
I WON'T BE ABLE TO HOLD BACK.
HEY
WAIT, WAIT..
I TELL YOU, I'M ABOUT TO COME!
STOP.
HMM?

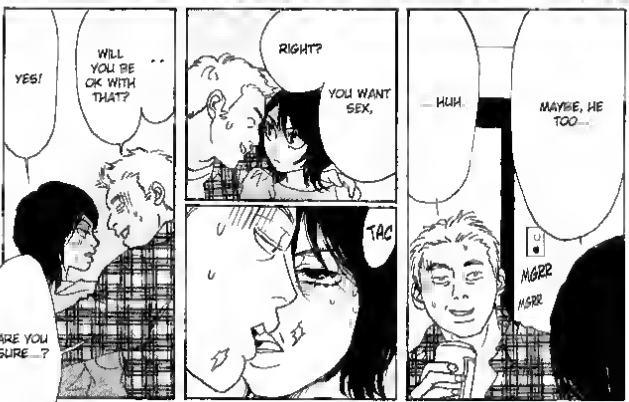
HMM!
AKARI...
HOW IS IT? GOOD?
YES.
TERRIBLY GOOD!
SO GOOD THAT I CAN'T THINK ABOUT ANYTHING ELSE!


I DON'T CARE ABOUT ANYTHING ELSE RIGHT NOW NOT EVEN MY NOVEL...
ME TOO
AKARI...
IT MAKES ME WANT TO STAY IN THIS CHARACTER ALL THE TIME...
AND A FIRE THAT'S FIGHTING AGAINST THE BITTER COLD...
THERE'S A BLIZZARD RAGING IN ME...

...THE SELF THAT I THOUGHT I WAS...
IS DISAPPEARING...
SO GRADUALLY THAT IT HARDLY EVEN NOTICE...

WHETHER MY RELATIONSHIP WITH MY UNCLE IS IRREPLACEABLE OR NOT WE CAN ONLY FIND TRUE LOVE IF WE TRY
TAP
TAP
WOULD YOU LIKE TO MEET ME AND MAKE LOVE TO ME?
Exciting Love Hotel
Exciting Love Hotel
Exciting Love Hotel
...
IS IT TRUE?
THAT STORY WITH YOUR UNCLE?
I LIVE WITH MY BOYFRIEND
NO
OF COURSE NOT

IF I'M HAPPY WITH MY CURRENT LIFE...
IT'S JUST THAT— I TELL MYSELF
MAYBE I WOULD HAVE BEEN BETTER OFF LIVING WITH MY UNCLE.
AND THEN...


YES!
WILL YOU BE OK WITH THAT?
..
ARE YOU SURE—?
RIGHT?
YOU WANT SEX,
TAC
—HUH.
MAYBE, HE TOO—
MGRR
MGRR

I HAVE TO END THINGS
I CAN'T GO BACK THERE
I HAVE SOME MONEY I CAN LIVE IN A HOTEL
I JUST NEEDED A PLACE TO STAY.
SORRY.
IT'LL BE OK...
THIS IS HOW THINGS STARTED BETWEEN YOU AND ME ANYWAY, RIGHT KYOSHIRO?
I'LL HAVE TO DO THAT BECAUSE I CAN'T GO HOME EITHER.

HA...!
IT'LL BE ALRIGHT!
BOU-HOUUU
hey
hey
hey
IT'LL BE ALRIGHT
IT DOESN'T LOOK LIKE IT!
LET ME GO TAKE A SHOWER FIRST
IT'LL COOL ME DOWN...
YEAH
VLAM
HUH?
That's the exit!
WAIT...
WHAT'S THE MEANING OF THIS?!

I SPENT THE NEXT THREE NIGHTS IN A HOTEL.
I COULD FINALLY WORK
AHH
BUT I DID NOTHING.
STEP ON
THIS IS IT...

I'M A NEW PERSON.
THERE'S NO SENSE IN PLAYING TOUGH ANYMORE
LET'S SEE WHAT HAPPENS . THERE'S NOTHING TO LOSE.
...
SLIDE

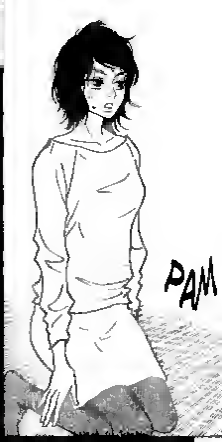
...
HELLO
AH
WHERE HAVE YOU BEEN?

...
AKARI!
WHAT THE HELL HAVE YOU DONE?
MY EMAIL
YOU READ
I HAD TO LOOK
I HAD TO, SINCE YOU LEFT YOUR CELL PHONE
YEAH
CARE TO EXPLAIN?
AND WENT ON A DATE WITH SOME GUY, IT SEEMS!
YOU USED THE NAME "SHINO"

THESE LAST THREE DAYS
YES.. I WAS WITH ANOTHER GUY..
..
AND WHY IS THAT..?!
BECAUSE I'M TIRED OF YOU!
THEN WHY DID YOU COME BACK?!

I'M GOING OUT!
YOU STAY HERE! DON'T YOU DARE STEP OUTSIDE!
...
BAM
SAME FOR THE INTERNET, DON'T TOUCH IT!
OH YEAH.

I WANTED HIM TO SAY...



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THEN WHY DO YOU LIVE WITH HIM?!

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THE CURRY
UMEMIYA, YOU LOOK LIKE YOU'VE BEEN HERE FOR A LONG TIME
REALLY?
OH, NO PROBLEM.
IT'S EASY. THE INSTANT CURRY IS ALREADY READY IN THE BENTO
AH! I KNOW! IT'S THE RICE AND THE FROZEN CURRY, RIGHT?!
I COULD DO THE SAME, ME TOO!
UMEMIYA
Fried Chicken
IT'S IMPORTANT TO EAT WELL.
BUT IT'S ROASTED CHICKEN! IT'S 5# YEN AT TSURUKAME YOU SHOULD BE LIKE ME.
YOU'RE FINE WITH CANNED FOOD?
HUH...
AH! SOMETHING FROM "WAKO," BEFORE PAY-DAY? AND BREADED PORK CHOPS?
HAHAHA
TONG.
WAKO
AH! UMEMIYA IS EATING SOMETHING STRANGE AGAIN!

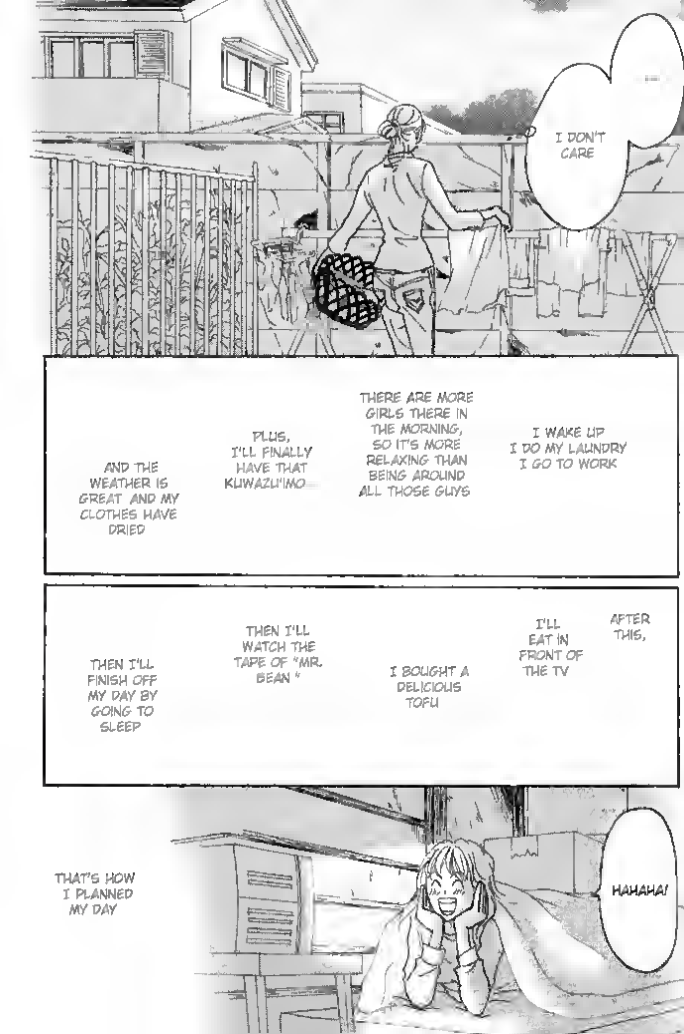
I'VE SEEN YOU PASSING BY A LOT LATELY—
I HOPE YOU'RE NOT SECRETLY TAKING PICTURES!
WHAT?!
花の HANAKI
HEY, YOU!

I'M JUST LOOKING AT THIS KUWAZU'IMO PLANT
HA!
I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT... YOU'RE WRONG!
I DON'T THINK IT SHOULD COST SO MUCH.
WELL, IT'S AUTUMN.
Kuwazu'imo
¥15,000-
¥11,000-
THE PRICE WENT DOWN! WHY?!
AND IT'S EASY TO TAKE CARE OF
BUT THE SEASON DOESN'T MATTER, RIGHT?
THIS PLANT CAN SURVIVE THROUGH WINTER.
IT FEELS LIKE A "SUMMER" PLANT TO ME
AND WE HAVE THE MOST BEAUTIFUL ONES BETWEEN APRIL AND JUNE
WHAT ?!

..
IT'S TALL, BEAUTIFUL!
ISN'T IT?
TAF
THESE DON'T DIE EASILY!
I'VE ALREADY KILLED A "HAPPINESS TREE," YOU KNOW...
BUT COULD I KEEP IT?

THANKS
AS SOON AS I GET PAID!!
I'LL TAKE IT!
THANKS A LOT!
Reservations
I'LL GIVE IT TO YOU FOR 10,000 YEN. AS AN APOLOGY FOR ACCUSING YOU!
I'LL DELIVER IT TO YOU ON YOUR PAY-DAY, AND YOU CAN PAY FOR IT WHEN IT ARRIVES

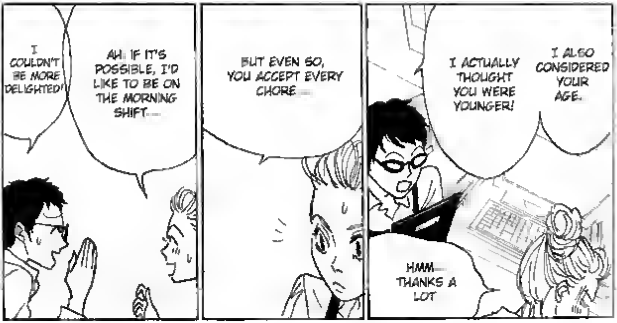
HERE!
I'LL PUT IT—
RATTLE
HOHO
"WHAT DO YOU LIKE ABOUT KYOSHIRO?"
"THERE'S NOBODY MORE INSIPID THAN HIM!"


I DON'T CARE
I WAKE UP
I DO MY LAUNDRY
I GO TO WORK
THERE ARE MORE GIRLS THERE IN THE MORNING, SO IT'S MORE RELAXING THAN BEING AROUND ALL THOSE GUYS
PLUS, I'LL FINALLY HAVE THAT KUWAZU'IMO
AND THE WEATHER IS GREAT AND MY CLOTHES HAVE DRIED
AFTER THIS,
I'LL EAT IN FRONT OF THE TV
I BOUGHT A DELICIOUS TOFU
THEN I'LL WATCH THE TAPE OF "MR. BEAN"
THEN I'LL FINISH OFF MY DAY BY GOING TO SLEEP
HAHAHA!
THAT'S HOW I PLANNED MY DAY

SOME DAYS, I DON'T EVEN SEE THE BOSS...
"INSIPID"? I DON'T KNOW HIM WELL ENOUGH...
AND IT'S NOT LIKE I'LL GET A CHANCE TO KNOW HIM BETTER TOMORROW...
TO JUDGE
IF YOU DON'T LIKE THAT, I'LL TAKE HIM OFF YOUR HANDS
BUT...
EVEN IF HE IS "INSIPID," THAT DOESN'T BOTHER ME...
EVEN IF IT'S ONLY FOR A DAY.
YES, I CONFESS, I'D LOVE TO BE IN YOUR PLACE...
AH!

Don't be late for the interviews!
Ask at the offices!!!
Don't forget!
Kanda
WHAT?!

I...
I'M GETTING A RAISE...?
Already ?!
ONLY 30 YEN, YOU KNOW...
BUT YOU'RE A FAST LEARNER, YOU WORK QUICKLY, AND... HOW DO I PUT IT... YOU'RE HERE OFTEN.


I COULDN'T BE MORE DELIGHTED!
AH. IF IT'S POSSIBLE, I'D LIKE TO BE ON THE MORNING SHIFT...
BUT EVEN SO, YOU ACCEPT EVERY CHORE...
I ACTUALLY THOUGHT YOU WERE YOUNGER!
I ALSO CONSIDERED YOUR AGE.
HMM. THANKS A LOT

IN ANY CASE WE REALLY NEED SOMEONE TO HELP TOMORROW! AND ESPECIALLY ON FRIDAYS!
I'll get paid more...
IN THE MEAN TIME WE'RE HIRING...
SO HE WON'T BE WORKING HERE FOR A WHILE...
WE FINALLY GOT IN TOUCH WITH HIM AND FOUND OUT HE MOVED BACK IN WITH HIS FAMILY...
TADA, ONE OF OUR EVENING GUYS, HAS BEEN OUT FOR DAYS...
Teams
Days/Months
Shino Umemiya
Sunday
Monday
Tuesday
Wednesday
Thursday
Friday
Saturday
Morning
Morning
Morning
Morning
Morning
Morning
Evening
Evening
I'LL HAVE TO WALK HOME ALONE
IT'S WORK, THERE'S NOTHING I CAN DO ABOUT IT
D-A
TRIP
...
AND WITH A VIDEO YOU ALREADY WATCHED THE OTHER DAY?
??
The Rose of Versailles
IN THE ANIME SECTION AGAIN!!

HA.
ME TOO... IT MAKES ME FEEL GOOD...
OF COURSE!
I'M AN ANIME ADDICT.
WHAT?! YOU KNOW IT?!
I NEVER GET BORED OF IT! FOR EXAMPLE, THE SCENE WHERE ROSALIE'S SISTER KILLS HERSELF...!
AH, CHARLOTTE.
YEAH, IT'S A CUTE STORY.
The Rose Versailles
SHOW ME
WHAT?
IT'S NOT AN ANIME, BUT IT'S GOOD.
HERE'S SOMETHING REALLY GREAT. I'LL MAKE YOU FEEL GOOD...
UMEMIYA.
IT'S SO SAD THAT VOLUMES 2 AND 3 HAVEN'T BEEN RELEASED ON VIDEOTAPE YET...
The Karate
WHAAAT? THAT TITLE DOESN'T SOUND VERY RELAXING TO ME...
AND HERE'S SOME GOSSIP THAT'LL MAKE YOU FEEL EVEN BETTER.
AH...
I'LL TRY WATCHING IT. THANKS.

THE BOSS' GIRLFRIEND HAS DISAPPEARED AGAIN...
THIS IS A GOOD CHANCE FOR YOU...
HE SEEMS PRETTY DEPRESSED ABOUT IT.
Kawahara
I DON'T KNOW WHAT TEN-CHAN TOLD YOU, BUT--
IT'S NONE OF MY BUSINESS
RAN AWAY?! AGAIN?!
AND YET, YOU SAID, "I FEEL GOOD" WHEN WE KISSED~!
WHAT? DON'T LIE! YOU LIKE HIM!

YES !
AFTER YOU SEE HIM...
TELL ME WHAT YOU THINK
I WAS SURE THAT HE WOULD'VE FORGOTTEN SINCE HE WAS DRUNK...

I GUESS WE'LL SEE HER AGAIN.

SHE RAN AWAY LIKE THAT...

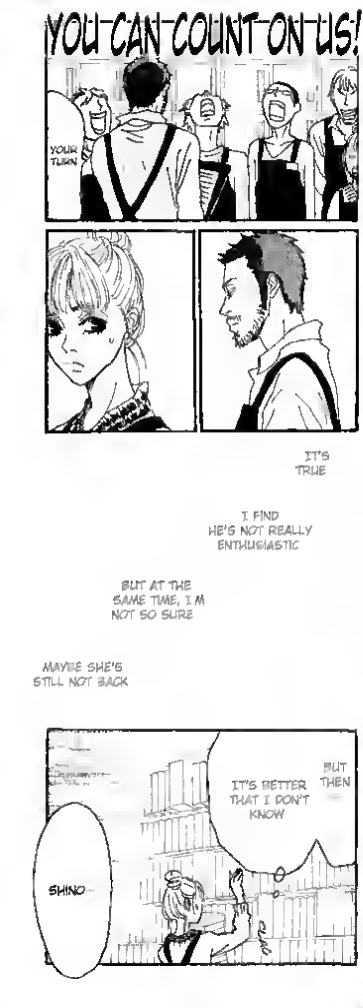
...

IT'S IRRITATING.

AH...

NOTHING, REALLY NOTHING.

NOTHING, NOTHING.


YOU CAN COUNT ON US!
YOUR TURN
IT'S TRUE
I FIND HE'S NOT REALLY ENTHUSIASTIC
BUT AT THE SAME TIME, I'M NOT SO SURE
MAYBE SHE'S STILL NOT BACK
SHINO
IT'S BETTER THAT I DON'T KNOW
BUT THEN
WE DON'T HAVE ENOUGH WORKERS,
SO I'M ASKING YOU TO DO AS MUCH AS YOU CAN
I'M COUNTING ON YOU

WHAT?
SHINO
OH.
I FORGOT. TYPICAL
It's already time?!
ISN'T IT TIME FOR YOUR BREAK?
WHAT?!
I'VE FOUND A "FRIEND."
KA...
KAWATANI ?!
STOP! HE, HE'S THE OASIS OF MY HEART
HE'S IN A THEATER COMPANY
SINCE WHEN?!
BASTARD!
AHH, BASTARD! TRAITOR!
AHA HA HA HA!
It's no first no!
AH...
I SUDDENLY FEEL ALL ALONE...

AND THAT WORTHLESS PART TIME JOB
I'LL BE 25 NEXT MONTH...
WHAT TO DO
BUT I'D LIKE TO
FIND ANOTHER MAN BEFORE I DIE
?

WHAT?
What?
SHINO
What?
TRIP

WHAT?
ONE OF YOUR OLD CO-WORKERS, KATO...
HE TOLD ME YOU WERE HERE...
PUH PUH
I...
WH...
WHY ARE YOU HERE?
IT'S BEEN A WHILE.
YOU CHANGED YOUR PHONE NUMBER.
...
I'M WORKING
SORRY...
WELL,
I'LL BE BRIEF
WHAT?
I'D LIKE TO HAVE IT BACK.
MY CD
...

"A LOVE SUPREME" BY COLTRANE...
WELL... SADLY, ONE IS MISSING!
A title like that... what a strange moment...
I RECEIVED THE CDS THAT YOU RETURNED TO ME...
YES?
I SENT THEM BACK TO YOU!
I'LL SEARCH FOR IT AND SEND IT TO YOU...
AH, I UNDERSTAND!
SO...
IT'D BE STUPID TO BUY IT AGAIN, DON'T YOU THINK?
WHAT?
TOMORROW I FINISH AROUND 10 AT NIGHT...
I'LL BE THERE AT 10:30
I'LL COME BACK TOMORROW. WHAT TIME DO YOU FINISH?
AND I WANT TO LISTEN TO IT RIGHT NOW!
He has no faith in me.
WHEN?
I KNOW YOU YOU'LL TAKE A LONG TIME...

I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOUR NEW NUMBER IS...
OK!
SEE YOU TOMORROW THEN
HA!
SIR,
I'LL TELL YOU THE NUMBER OF THIS STORE
WILL THERE BE ANYTHING ELSE...?

レンタル
★
TRIP
NO...
NOTHING
SEE YOU TOMORROW WITHOUT FAIL...
BYE, SHINO
YES...

WHEN I SAW YOUR FACE I THOUGHT HE WAS JUST SOME WEIRD GUY...
...
OH!! YOU KNOW HIM?!
WHAT?
I made a mistake?!
AH
ENOUGH
IT'S NOTHING
THANK YOU...
...
I CAN'T LOOK AT HIM

BEING HUMILIATED
BY MASAKI
AH
I DON'T WANT HIM TO SEE ME
I'LL GRIN AND BEAR IT.
THE SKY, THE WIND! SOME FRESH AIR PLEASE.
WHAT A SCARE!
WHAT A FRIGHTENING GLARE!
IT FROZE ME.
MY HEART DROPPED INTO MY BOOTS WHEN I SAW MASAKI
OH, I'VE HAD ENOUGH!
FRIGHTENING.
I SAW A MERCILESS MIRROR.
I WISH THEY'D ALL SHUT THEIR MOUTHS

HEY!
WAIT!
...
IT'S A LONG WAY...
IT'S OK, I'LL WALK HOME BY MYSELF
IT'S PART OF MY JOB TO WALK YOU HOME
THANKS...

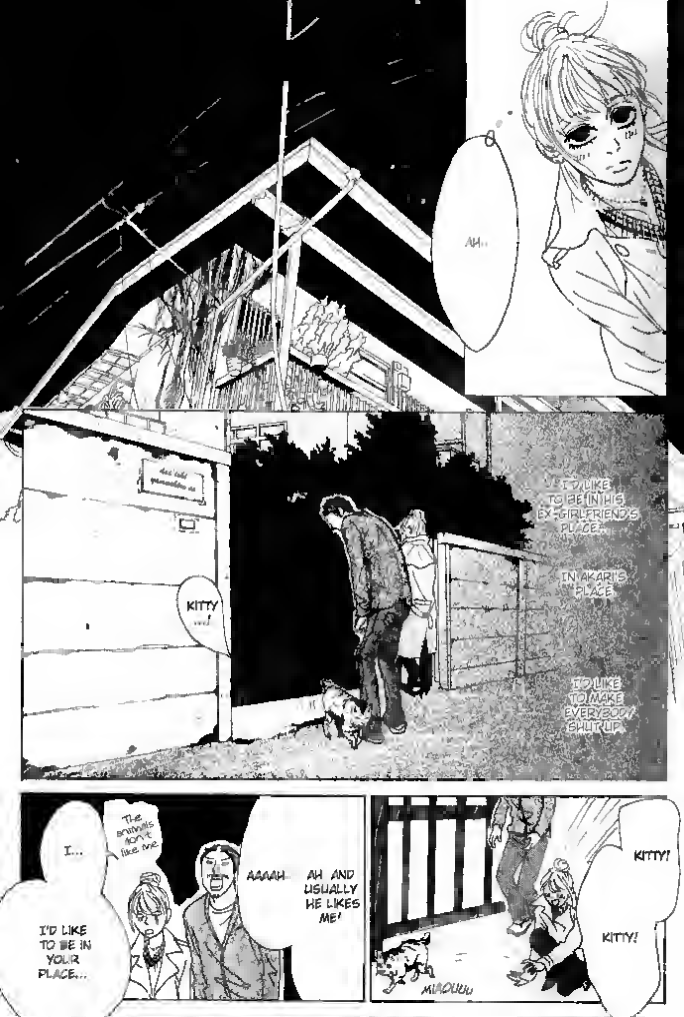
...
HEY...
IT'S NOTHING. IT WAS FUN.
Just seeing you...
I WANT TO APOLOGIZE [redacted] I WAS KIND OF CLINGY...
BY THE WAY, ME TOO—
BUT TELL ME ABOUT THAT GUY FROM EARLIER
ARE YOU SURE YOU HAVE NO PROBLEM WITH HIM?
YOU WEREN'T YOURSELF WHEN HE WAS THERE

IS HE AN EX?
YOU WERE RIGHT ABOUT HIM BEING MY EX!
HE WANTS TO START OVER AGAIN AND YOU DON'T KNOW WHAT TO DO?
BUT HE WAS JUST HERE TO ASK ME FOR A CD!
A STUPID EXCUSE LIKE A CD?!
YOU'RE OK WITH THAT?
NOT AT ALL!
HE'S NOT SO STUPID!
THERE'S NO WAY HE'S THINKING ABOUT BEING WITH ME AGAIN!
IT'S ME, THAT'S ALL
I WAS CRITICIZING MYSELF FOR THINGS I DID.
AND I WAS AFRAID ...

AT MY OLD JOB
AH
BY THE WAY, I ALSO ONCE HAPPENED TO MEET AN EX-GIRLFRIEND
THESE KINDS OF THINGS REALLY MAKE YOU JITTERY
WE HADN'T SEEN EACH OTHER IN SIX, SEVEN YEARS.
"SHIT, YOU HAVEN'T CHANGED, YOU'RE STILL AS HOT AS EVER!"
AND HER HUSBAND WAS JUST BEHIND ME!
I COULDN'T STOP MYSELF. I SAID
IT REALLY SURPRISED ME
HAHAHA
AND HE SAID "MAY I ASK WHO YOU ARE?"

THAT'S A NICE STORY
I ENVY YOU.
I'D LIKE SOMEONE TO SAY THE SAME THING TO ME.
YES...
OUR RELATIONSHIP WAS FULL OF PROBLEMS HE ENDED UP LEAVING ME
NEVER
ISN'T THAT WHAT YOUR EX-BOYFRIEND THINKS?
YOU'RE TOTALLY RIGHT...
THE SAME THING COULD HAPPEN AGAIN!
NO WAY HE'LL GET BACK TOGETHER WITH YOU!
NO! WHAT A MISTAKE!
And I was nevertheless with you.
KUHUHU
NO, ACTUALLY, IT WAS SIMPLE.
I CHEATED ON HIM

SO BOSS, WHY DID YOU DITCH SUCH A CUTE GIRL?
WELL...
I CHEATED ON HER.
SHE LEFT ME WHEN SHE FOUND OUT...
PATHETIC, RIGHT?! WHEN WE DO IT WE GET CAUGHT, SO WE MIGHT AS WELL NOT DO IT AT ALL!
YEAH
YOU SURPRISE ME
YOU'RE RIGHT
THEN,
WELL...
I'M SERIOUS YOU KNOW
NO NEED TO TELL ME


AH...
I'D LIKE TO BE IN HIS EX-GIRLFRIEND'S PLACE...
IN AKARI'S PLACE
I'D LIKE TO MAKE EVERYBODY SHUT UP.
KITTY ...!
I'D LIKE TO BE IN YOUR PLACE...
I...
THE ANIMALS DON'T LIKE ME.
AAAAH
AH AND USUALLY HE LIKES ME!
KITTY!
KITTY!
MIAOUuu

THAT'S NOT WHAT I MEANT...
WHEN YOU KNOW ALL OUR VIDEO-TAPES, YOU CAN BE BOSS
I WANT TO BE SOMEONE OTHER THAN ME
AH...
THE LIGHT
IT'S OFF
SHE'S PROBABLY SLEEPING. THAT'S ALL
AKARI
IT SEEMS ...
I SMOKE TOO MUCH!
YOU THINK?

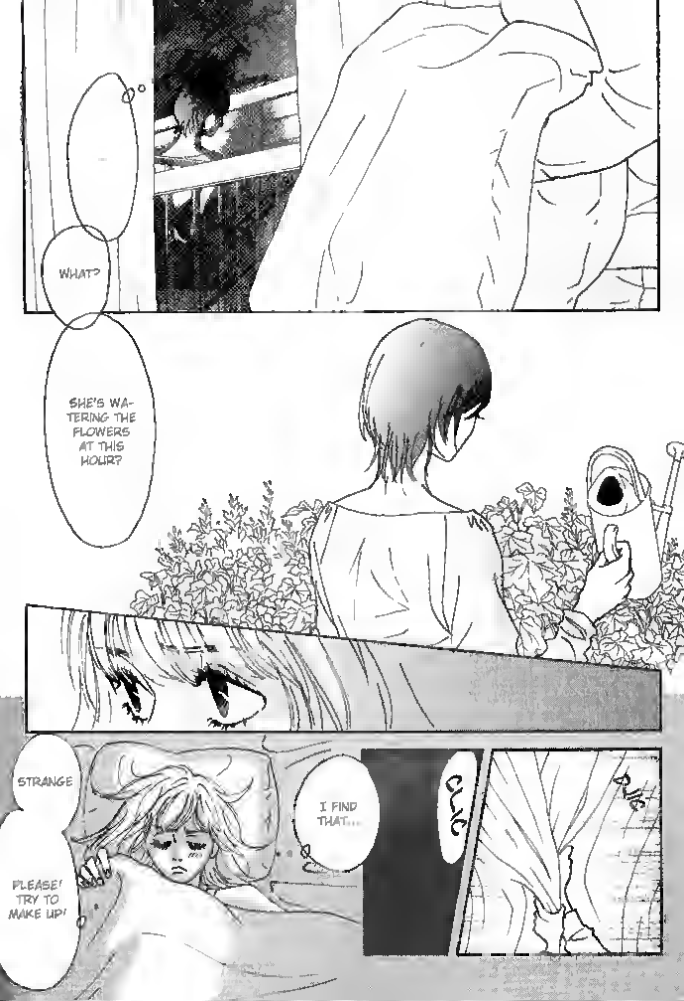
FINALLY I CAN THINK ALL I WANT
THERE'S ONLY ONE THING TO DO TELL ME "WHATEVER WILL HAPPEN WILL HAPPEN."
HUH?!
BOSS,
YOU'RE REALLY GREAT...
YOU HAVE NOTHING TO WORRY ABOUT!

AND BELIEVE ME
AKARI KNOWS THAT... BETTER THAN I DO.
"GUY SO BORING"
ALL YOUR THOUGHTS ...
I THINK THAT'S FANTASTIC.
PEOPLE CAN READ THEM ON YOUR FACE.
I JUST WANT TO SAY THAT I ENVY AKARI BECAUSE SHE'S ABLE TO LIVE WITH YOU!
WHAT?
DID HE TELL YOU SOME-THING?
KAWATANI?
HAHA ...
LIAM
...
GOOD NIGHT.
WELL, THEN.
THANK YOU.
...

I'M SICK TO DEATH ABOUT IT!
ENOUGH!
AND I CAN'T FIND THAT DAMN CD!
I SPOKE TOO MUCH...
I COULD BUY HIM A NEW ONE
IF YOU LOST IT, JUST ADMIT IT!
DON'T GO BUY A NEW ONE SECRETLY!
I CAN HEAR HIM SAYING THAT
YEAH...
MAYBE IT'S IN THE KITCHEN
CLANC
TELL HER WHAT YOU THINK ABOUT HER, ALL AT ONCE!
IT'LL MAKE YOU CLOSER!
CLAC
HAS SHE COME BACK?
AH, THIS IS THE FIRST TIME I'VE HEARD THE BOSS IN TROUBLE
SAME FOR THE INTERNET! DON'T TOUCH IT!

VLAM
WHAT?
THE INTER-NET?!
WOUFF

OUCH
THE DUST
...
THE CD, THE CD..
CLAC
...
I HAD ENOUGH! I CAN'T FIND IT. THAT'S IT!
I'M GOING TO SLEEP.
...
KUWAZU'IMO WILL ARRIVE FIRST THING TOMORROW MORNING!


WHAT?
SHE'S WATERING THE FLOWERS AT THIS HOUR?
STRANGE
PLEASE! TRY TO MAKE UP!
I FIND THAT...
CLIC
CLAC

WHETHER IT'S GOOD OR NOT, OR IF IT'S TOO MUCH FOR THEM.
THE ONLY PEOPLE WHO KNOW WHAT'S GOING ON BETWEEN A COUPLE ARE THOSE TWO PEOPLE THEMSELVES.
THERE'S NOTHING I CAN DO ...
EVEN IF IT KILLS ME.
WHEN I WAKE UP, TOMORROW...

I'D LIKE...
TO FIND THAT I'VE TRANSFORMED INTO A KUWAZU'IMO PLANT
A BEAUTIFUL AND WONDERFUL KUWAZU IMO
EVEN MASAKI WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO SAY ANYTHING
I'D JUST THINK ABOUT THE SITUATION
AND I WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO SAY ANY WEIRD THINGS TO THE BOSS
EVEN IF I COULDN'T DO ANYTHING
THAT'S ALL I COULD DO SINCE I'D BE A PLANT
BOO HOO HOO...
I'LL END MY LIFE WITHOUT ANY GUY, FOR SURE
IF I CONTINUE LIKE THAT...
THE SUN WILL RISE AGAIN TOMORROW,
STOP THINKING SO MUCH
WHETHER IT'S FOR THE BEST OR THE WORST

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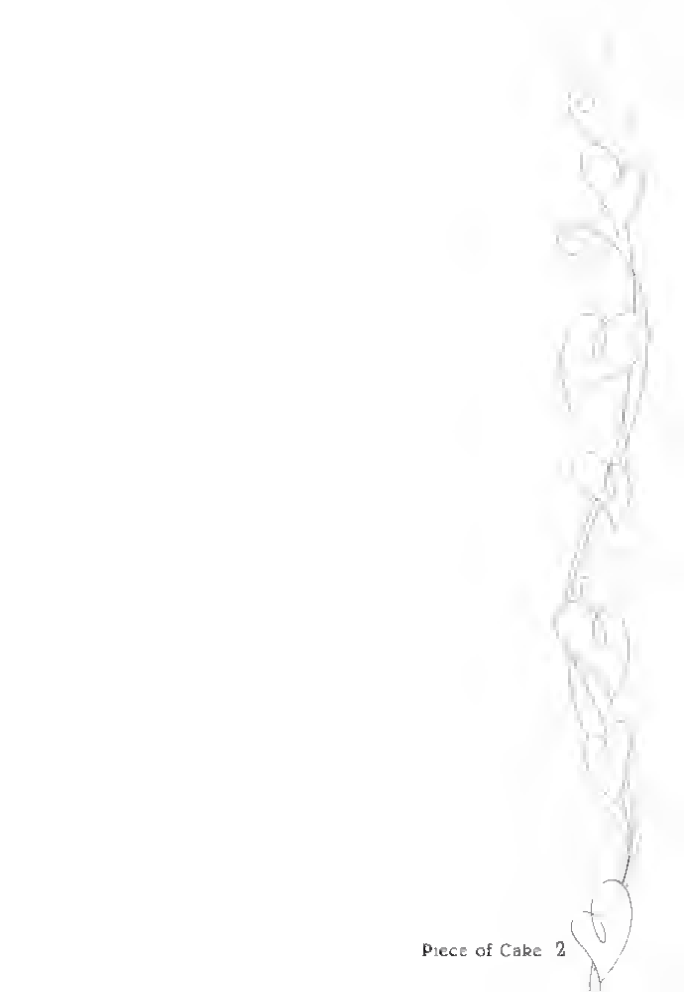
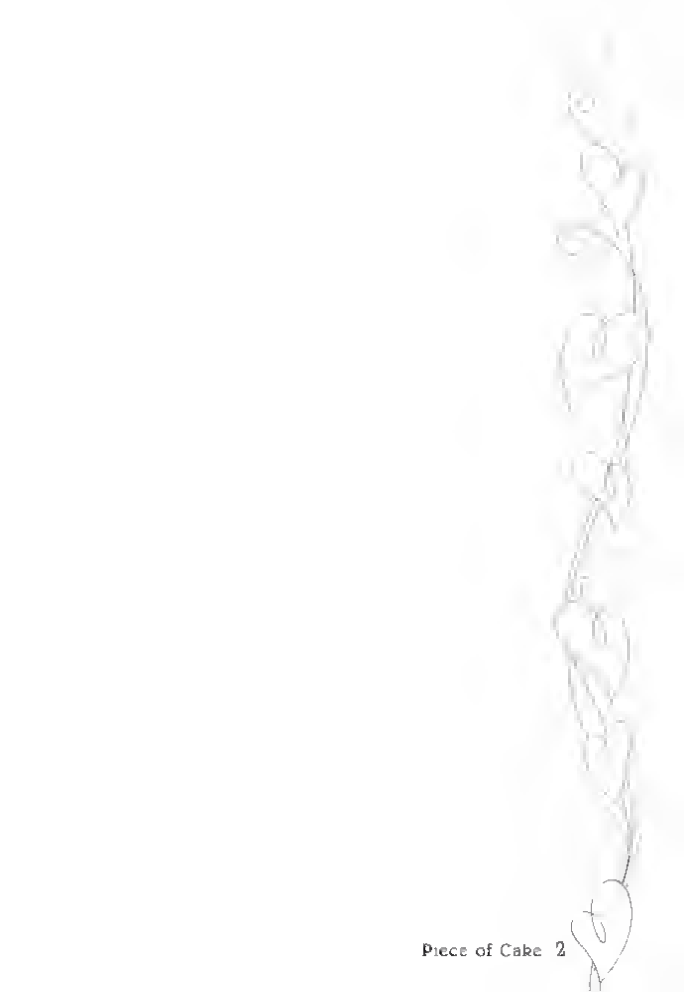
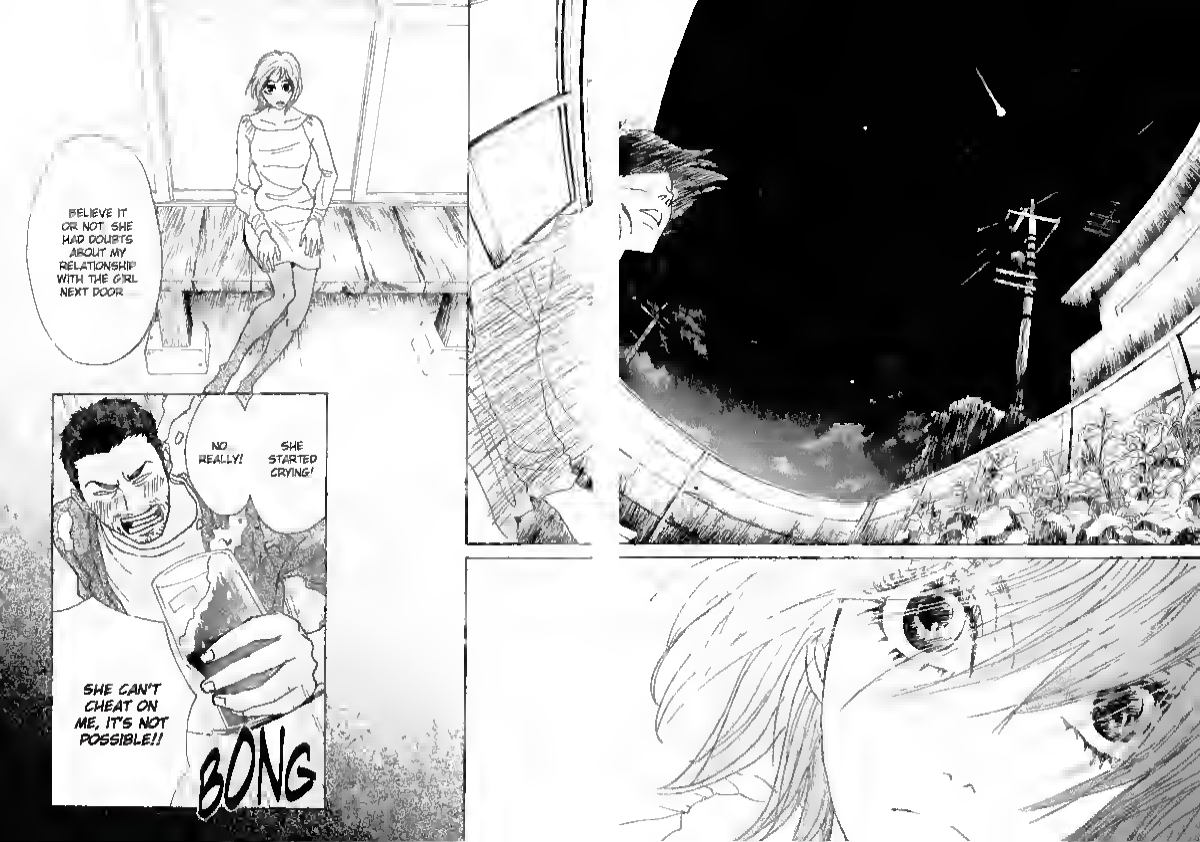


WHILE I WAS DREAMING ABOUT BECOMING A TARO,
THERE WAS A DRAMATIC SITUATION HAPPENING WITH THE LOVERS NEXT DOOR.

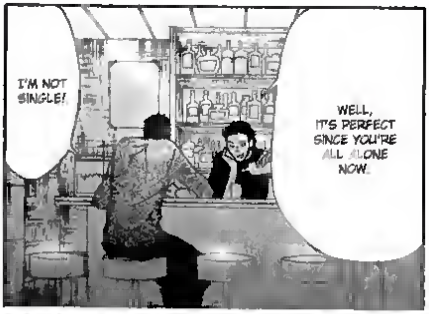


HERE, BRO
CLING
PAY FOR YOUR DRINK WITH THIS
I FORGOT MY WALLET
AND I CAN'T GO BACK HOME
GET OUT!

HEHEHE
IT'S GREAT
A KUWAZU'IMO


BELIEVE IT OR NOT SHE HAD DOUBTS ABOUT MY RELATIONSHIP WITH THE GIRL NEXT DOOR
NO REALLY!
SHE STARTED CRYING!
SHE CAN'T CHEAT ON ME, IT'S NOT POSSIBLE!!
BONG

ONLY ONE CUSTOMER AND IT'S MY PENNILESS BROTHER. I'M GOING TO GET FIRED IF THIS CONTINUES..
AH!
TELL ME,
WHAT HAPPENED TO...
EVERYTHING WITH THAT THEATRE?
I HAVE TO CLOSE THE SHOP!
YEAH OF COURSE OF COURSE. NOW GO BACK HOME AND MAKE UP WITH HER
HOW ANNOYING!
SO YOU COULD GAVE SOME MONEY FOR THAT CINEMA!
WHAT ABOUT WHEN YOU SAID YOU WOULDN'T VISIT THE WHORES ANYMORE?
THAT'S ONLY A DREAM...
YOU SHOULD GO FOR IT! YOU CAN ALWAYS HIRE ME AND YOU WON'T NEED TO PAY ME AS LONG AS YOU FIND ME A PLACE TO STAY
YOU WERE ALWAYS TALKING ABOUT IT BEFORE


I'M NOT SINGLE!
WELL, IT'S PERFECT SINCE YOU'RE ALL ALONE NOW.
HEY!
DON'T TELL ME YOU'VE HAD A CHANGE OF MIND? THAT'S SUPPOSED TO BE THE MONEY FOR THE WEDDING!
...

WHAT?
I REMEMBER HER REACTION WHEN I MENTIONED IT THE FIRST TIME.
THE MARRIAGE

"DO YOU REMEMBER HOW YOU WERE AT THEIR AGE? SO OBNOXIOUS."
"GET MARRIED? WHAT FOR?"
"CHILDREN!? I DON'T UNDERSTAND WHY PEOPLE WOULD WANT THEM. THOSE BRATS ARE EVIL MANIFESTATIONS!"
AKARI-CHAAAN
What a girl!

CLANG
Sugawara

I...
I WANT TO DEVOTE MYSELF TO THIS LITTLE THING.
I'LL WORK HARD AND MAKE IT HAPPY.
HUH, TAKE GOOD CARE OF IT.
HAAA, HAHAA...
JIFF JIFF
HELLO...
I HAVE TO FIND A NAME FOR THAT BRAT.
"KYOSHIRO"
STOP! ARE YOU INSANE?!
JIFF JIFF
"MASAKI"
HEY, AND MY CD?!
AH...
I DON'T REALLY WANT TO SEE HIM
BRING IT TO ME TONIGHT AT 10:30, THANKS!

CHA-LA
LALALILAAA
LALILAAA
TRR
TULU
TULU
YEAH ...
AH, KANDA ?!
SORRY,
I'M COMING!
IT'S ALREADY 2 PM?!
CLANG
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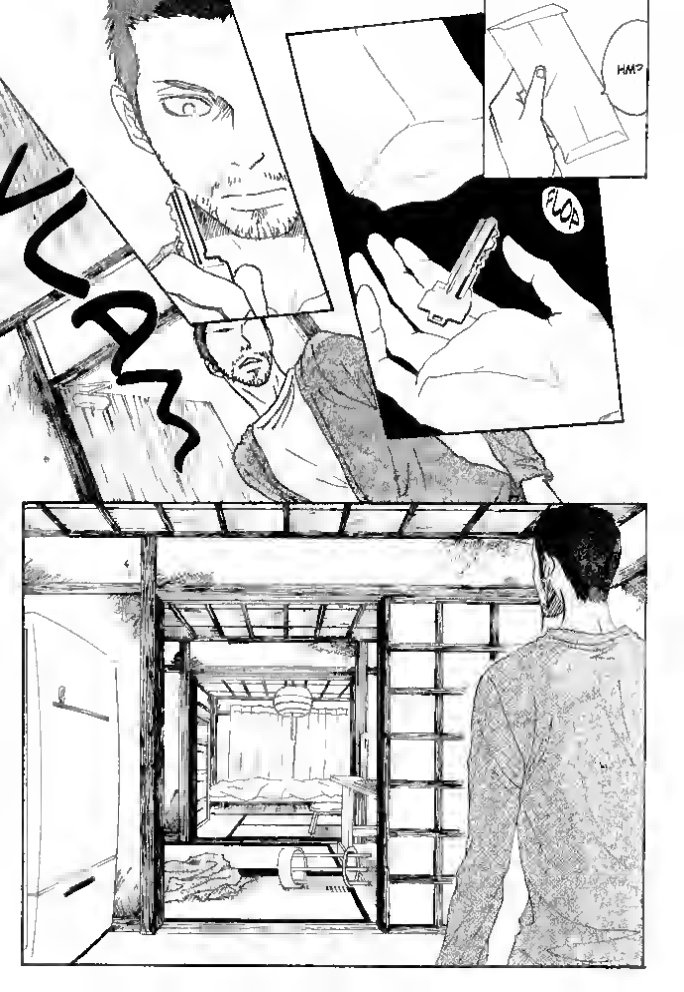

HM?
FLOP
SLAM

UMEMIYA... IT SEEMS THAT THINGS HAVE CHANGED
YEAH, I BOUGHT A PORK BENTO AT WAKO.
OH?
TRIP
I HAVE TO SOBER UP.
A BATH, QUICK.
AH

I WILL NOT MAKE BITCHY REMARKS OR TREMBLE! I'LL GIVE HIM BACK HIS CD LIKE IT WAS THE MOST NATURAL THING IN THE WORLD!
I will get him in like a nice ball!
I'LL NOT GO EASY ON HIM!
Not with Mariaki!
HA!
OH REALLY!
YEAH! WITH MY PREVIOUS GLASSES!
DO YOU HAVE A DATE AFTERWARDS?
Her glasses?
AND I'M AFRAID TO DEATH!
Oh, but...
ABOUT TADA, THE PART-TIMER?
HEY GIRLS, DID YOU HEAR?
BUT FOR ME!
IT'S NOT FOR HIM!
I'LL BUY A BAG THAT COSTS 84$ AND CHEER MYSELF UP
HU...
HUH...?!
HE SEEMED SO SERIOUS...
HE SAID HE WENT BACK TO HIS PARENTS, BUT I HEARD IT WAS ACTUALLY TO RUN AWAY FROM THIS LOANSHARK!
YES, IT WAS!
WAS APPARENTLY FROM A LOAN SHARK?!
YOU MEAN, THAT PHONE CALL...

SO TADA BEGAN TO BORROW MONEY FROM HERE AND THERE
BUT THE OTHER GUY SAID THAT HE WOULD PAY HIM LATER.
YES...
IT'S TRUE THAT HE'S A PRO!
WELL, I HEARD THAT A PRODUCER ASKED HIM TO DIRECT A MOVIE.
IT SEEMS THAT THE COMPANY THAT WAS SUPPOSE TO FINANCE HIM.
WENT BANKRUPT ...
AND THEN, HE MADE HIS MOVIE BUT...
AND YET TADA'S MOVIE...
WAS GOOD..
WELL
WELL
TRIP
WHAT?! AND HE OWES HOW MUCH?!
IMPOS-SIBLE!!
I DON'T KNOW EXACTLY, BUT PROBABLY ABOUT TWO OR THREE MILLION
REALLY ?!

NO MORE TIME BEFORE THE FAMOUS MEETING
HEY!
HOW MUCH LEFT AFTER THE DEDUCTION?
目販
OH! YOU'RE HERE, BOSS?
GREAT. I GOT TO SEE HIM. LUCKY!
WE'RE SHORT ON WORKERS
$3.20
HERE WE GO
IT'S NOT US IT SHOULD BE THE MORNING TEAM'S FAULT
OKAY
I'LL FINISH MY COMMENTS FIRST...
UMEMIYA YOU CAN GO

IT CHEERED ME UP A BIT BEFORE MY MEETING WITH MASAKI
THANKS BOSS
WITH AKARI?
DID HE MAKE UP
EVEN THOUGH THERE'RE MORE IMPORTANT THINGS
I'M MORE LIKE A FANGIRL WEIRD
BOSS...
SORRY FOR THIS ENTIRE MESS
TADA...

OH, DON'T SAY THAT
HOW ARE YOU HOLDING UP?
WELL, I'VE BORROWED SOME MONEY FROM MY FOLKS...
REALLY? WELL, THAT'S GOOD. WE WERE ALL WORRIED HERE...
I HAVE TO STOP WORKING HERE...
I'LL WORK AS A TRUCK DRIVER UNTIL I'VE REPAID EVERYTHING
IT'S NOT THAT I WANT TO QUIT, BUT...
AND YOUR MOVIE?
IS IT FINISHED?
NO, THERE ARE MORE CHANGES TO THE FILM...
I PROMISE I'LL REPAY EVERYTHING I OWE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE...
I'LL REPAY
I SWEAR!
SLAMS
NOW THEN, BOSS...
DO ME A FAVOR AND WATCH IT...

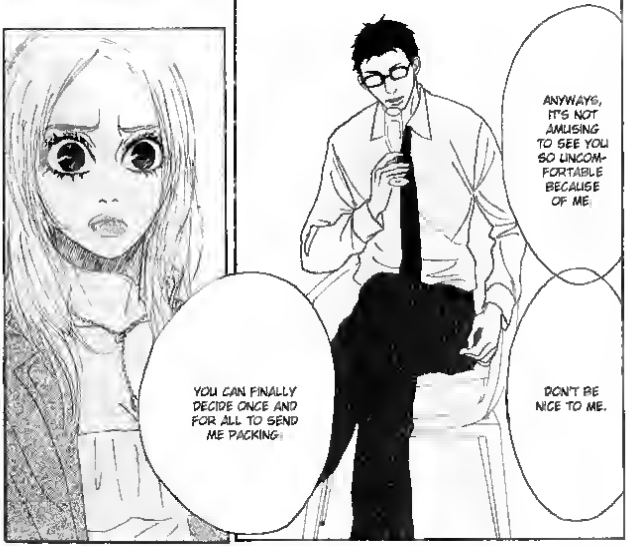
WHAT?!
TAKE IT.
WITH THAT TRUCK OF YOURS, YOU COULD SHOW IT EVERY-WHERE YOU GO
USE IT FOR NOW
AND IF THE REVIEWS ARE GOOD, I'LL WATCH IT, I SWEAR
YOU'D BETTER SHOW IT TO MANY PEOPLE!
DO AS I SAY!
No interest either?
BUT
BUT I CAN'T ACCEPT THIS!

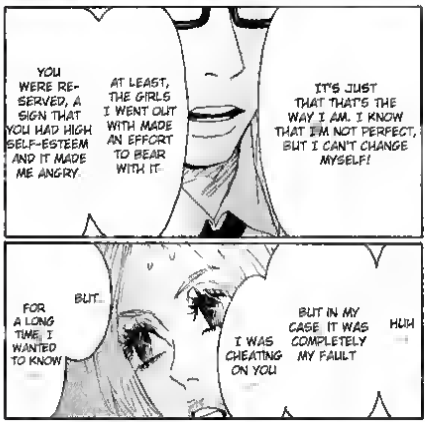
DON'T SAY ANYTHING AND TAKE IT!
IT'LL BE YOUR GOLDEN HANDSHAKE!
THANK YOU SO MUCH, BOSS...!
WHAT'S LEFT...?
Are you out of your mind?
B... BUT!
HEY BEAR GUY!
It's the shop's money
WELL, FOR ONCE!
NOW, WHAT'S LEFT IS JUST 68234!
HEE BEEEEEE

IT'S ZERO.
UNDER-STOOD!
I'll have to announce it to the others!
YOU SAID "UNDER-STOOD"? IT'S BULL-SHIT!
Well all be there to the owner here's about it!
I'LL GO TO THE BANK TO DEPOSIT WHAT I'VE TAKEN PREVI-OUSLY
IT'S ALRIGHT
OH WOW! SO COOL, BOSS!"
WHAT A GREAT GUY! I WON'T EVER QUIT!
Nothing in the world will make me
OR I'LL STAY A FANGIRL ALL MY LIFE!

IT'S NOT POSSIBLE TO BE AS BIG AN IDIOT AS YOU, SHIT
NOW SEEING MY EX-BOYFRIEND WILL BE A PIECE OF CAKE!
THANK YOU, BOSS, YOU'RE MY SOURCE OF ENERGY
SORRY... I THOUGHT YOU WERE WAITING FOR ME ON THE STREET...
HEM, HEM
YOU TOLD ME THAT YOU FINISHED WORK AT 10PM SO I'VE BEEN HERE SINCE 10PM!
YOU COULD'VE GUESSED THAT I'D BE WAITING FOR YOU HERE!
YOU KNOW HOW MUCH I LIKE JAZZ MUSIC, RIGHT?
I... WAS BORN A LOSER, THERE'S NOTHING I CAN DO ABOUT IT...
ARE YOU HUNGRY?
YEAH
WELL, YOU KNOW WHAT...
TRIP
OH, NOT REALLY...
WELL, I'M HUNGRY BECAUSE OF THE LONG WAIT!

LISTEN
I'D LIKE TO SAY THAT TO HIM!
GEEZ
Here
GO EAT WITHOUT ME!
I'M SORRY
FOR FORCING MYSELF ON YOU...
YOU PROBABLY DIDN'T FIND THAT SO GREAT, RIGHT?
IT'S NICER EATING WITH A GIRL
HM?!
I DIDN'T EXPECT TO BE INVITED TO DINNER.
HUH?
AND YOU?


ANYWAYS, IT'S NOT AMUSING TO SEE YOU SO UNCOMFORTABLE BECAUSE OF ME.
DON'T BE NICE TO ME.
YOU CAN FINALLY DECIDE ONCE AND FOR ALL TO SEND ME PACKING.

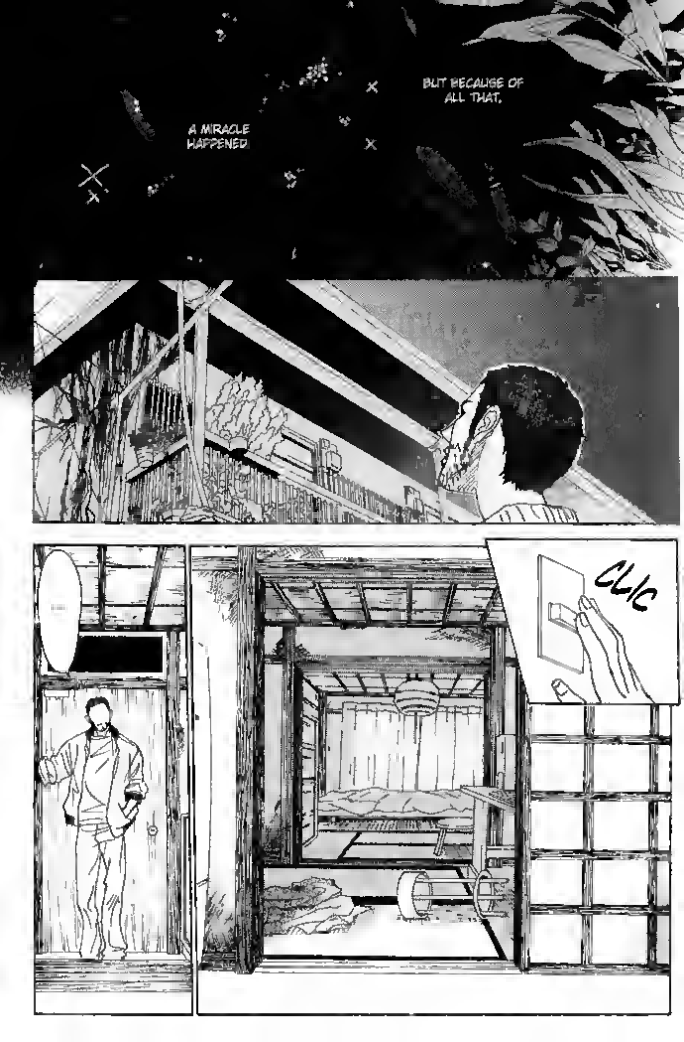

YOU WERE RESERVED, A SIGN THAT YOU HAD HIGH SELF-ESTEEM AND IT MADE ME ANGRY.
AT LEAST, THE GIRLS I WENT OUT WITH MADE AN EFFORT TO BEAR WITH IT.
IT'S JUST THAT THAT'S THE WAY I AM. I KNOW THAT I'M NOT PERFECT, BUT I CAN'T CHANGE MYSELF!
BUT...
FOR A LONG TIME, I WANTED TO KNOW
I WAS CHEATING ON YOU
BUT IN MY CASE, IT WAS COMPLETELY MY FAULT
HUH

I'M A PAIN IN THE ASS, I KNOW THAT.
BUT...!
BUT THEN!
AND I KNOW THAT I LEFT YOU WHEN YOU WERE COMPLETELY AT A LOSS.

I'M LEAVING!
MY SHARE OF THE DINNER AND THE CD!
HERE SORRY TAKE THEM.
LOOK AT YOURSELF!
WHERE DID ALL THIS CONFIDENCE COME FROM AND FOR WHAT PURPOSE?
AND LECTURING ONCE AGAIN ABOUT HAVING NOTHING TO DO WITH EACH OTHER ANYMORE!
I HATE GUYS WHO ARE NICE AND PRETEND TO HAVE NO SELF-CONFIDENCE
ABOVE EVERYTHING ELSE.
FORGET ABOUT THE MONEY. STOP MAKING ME FEEL UNCOMFORTABLE
IT WAS JUST THAT THIS RIGID CHARACTER OF YOURS
AND IF IT DID HAPPEN, I WOULD'VE BEEN ABLE TO BEAR YOUR COMPLAINTS
YES I HAVE REGRETS! IT'S TRUE THAT I WANTED TO BE FORGIVEN LOVED
I LIKED IT, ALRIGHT!

SHINO...
BUT,
TRUTHFULLY, I'D RATHER DIE THAN SEE YOU AGAIN!
I DON'T WANT YOUR CD
YOU BOUGHT IT, RIGHT? IT'S PRETTY GOOD, KEEP IT.
WHAT...?
IN FACT, YOU'VE ALREADY GIVEN IT BACK TO ME...
I HAVE A SIMILAR ONE.
AT THE BEGINNING OF OUR RELATIONSHIP...
ONE DAY, YOU SAID TO ME, "WE'RE NOT FATED TO BE TOGETHER."
AND YOUR INSTINCTS WERE CORRECT.
YOU NEED TO HAVE MORE SELF-CONFIDENCE.
FORGET ABOUT THE PAST.
GOODBYE

A Love Supreme
John Coltrane
AS IF I COULD FORGET!
COMPLETE FAILURE
IT CAN'T BE FORGOTTEN AND I DON'T WANT TO EITHER
ALL THAT,
IF I HADN'T GONE CRAZY AFTER OUR SEPARATION
I THINK I WOULDN'T HAVE FALLEN APART SO QUICKLY AND DEEPLY
AND FOR THE BOSS
EVEN IF THAT MEMORY MAKES ME WANT TO DIE

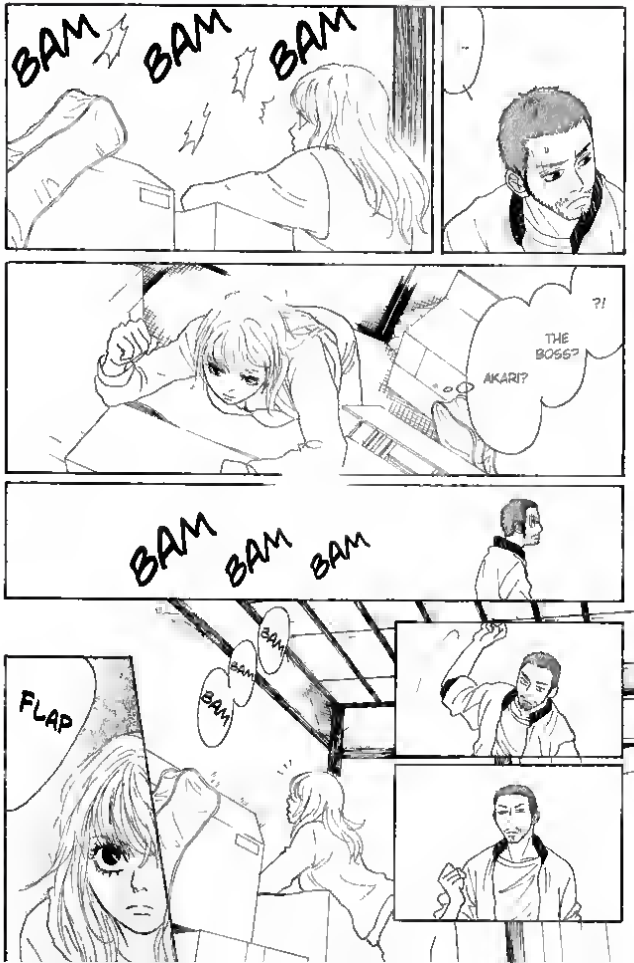

A MIRACLE HAPPENED
BUT BECAUSE OF ALL THAT,
CLIC

AKARI...
...
HEY!
AKARI...
WHERE ...
ARE YOU?
AH DRAT!
SLAM

OUCH!
OUCH!
SHIT, IT HURTS!
!
BAM !!!

PFFFFF
...?

BANG
BAM
BAM
BAM
BROUTCH
HEY, IS THIS GOING TO LAST LONG?!
NO


BAM
BAM
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...
?!
THE BOSS?
AKARI?
BAM
BAM
BAM
BAM
BAM
BAM
FLAP

FLAP
SORRY FOR THE NOISE
IT'S NOTHING
DID YOU SLIP?

TO BE HERE
CHATTING WITH ME...
I SLIPPED AND TOOK OUT MY ANGER ON THE WALL
OH THAT'S IT?
YEAH.
BOSS..
AKARI SHOULDN'T BE HERE.
WITH, HUH...
WHAT HAPPENED TO TADA...
ARE YOU OKAY?
WELL, THAT'S GOOD.
I'M FINE TOO.
ME?!
AND YOU?
I'M ALWAYS FINE, YOU KNOW.
WHAT?

AKIRI, SHE'S TAKING A TRIP...
BUT SHE'LL BE BACK...
SHE'LL BE BACK...
OH REALLY?
GOOD...
WHAT?
GOOD...

DO YOU WANT TO GET A DRINK?
HOW ABOUT COMING OVER HERE?
I'D PREFER NOT
I HAVE TO GET TO WORK EARLY, TOMOR-ROW.
AH.
..

WHAT ABOUT YOU? DON'T YOU WANT TO COME OVER?
I'LL WALK YOU BACK.
NO.
ANOTHER TIME MAYBE ...
AH, OK?!
GOOD NIGHT.
GOOD NIGHT.

PSHATT
IF I BELIEVE IN MY INSTINCTS
I THINK THE BOSS HAS A LITTLE CRUSH ON ME
AND TO GET RID OF MY SERVILE SIDE
I'M DYING TO GO THERE TO HIS HOUSE
...
BUT I'LL DO THAT HE'S PERHAPS SUFFER LATER

AFTER SPENDING ALL THESE DAYS ONE AFTER ANOTHER WITHOUT EVER TOUCHING HIM. WHY NOT?
IT' TRUE THAT I KINDA LIKE IT..
SO I...
DECIDED TO BE CALM WHILE STAYING A "WEIRD FANGIRL".
THEY'LL NEVER DISAPPEAR
AND IF NOTHING IS EVER GOING TO HAPPEN BETWEEN US
MY FEELINGS WILL REMAIN BEHIND
BECAUSE EVEN IF THE DAYS PASS
AH...

THREE DAYS LATER, AKARI STILL WASN'T BACK.

Saino

Chapter 12

Piece of Cake

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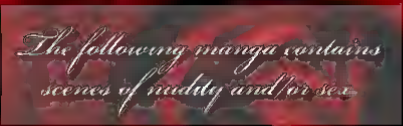


AKARI HAS BEEN GONE FOR MORE THAN TEN DAYS

THERE'S NO SIGN THAT SHE'LL COME BACK.

I DON'T KNOW HOW THINGS ARE GOING BETWEEN THEM

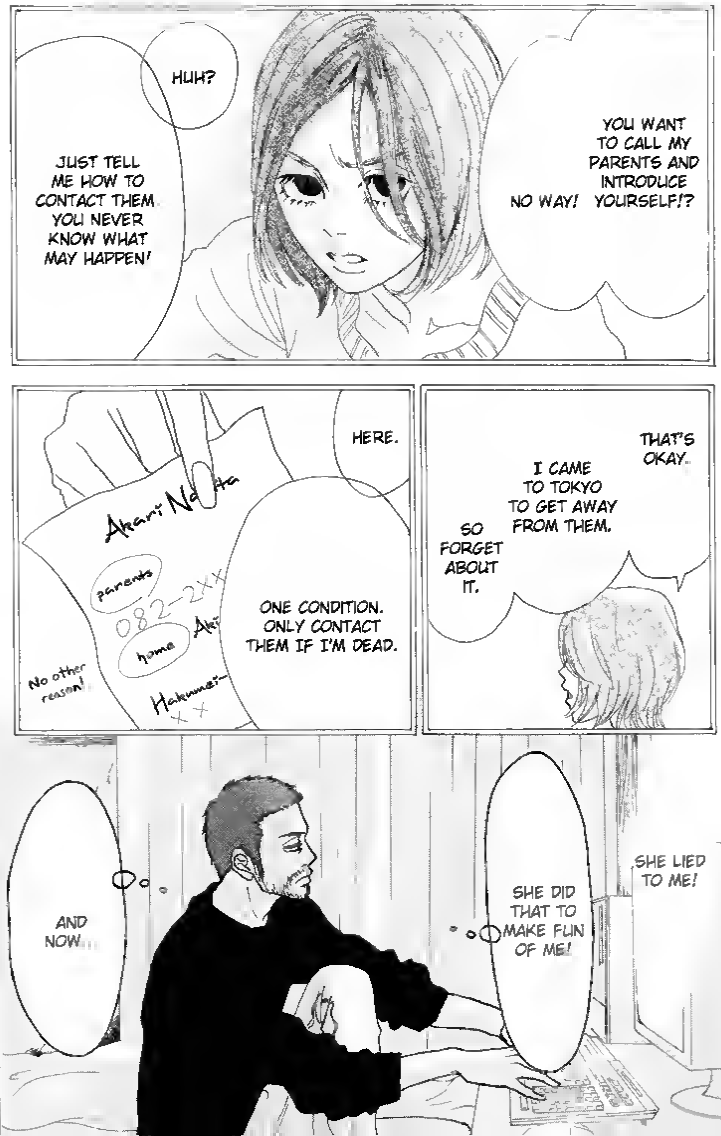
IT'S NONE OF MY BUSINESS.

ANOTHER PEACEFUL DAY WAS ABOUT TO BEGIN FOR ME

Chapter 12

EVEN THOUGH IT'S CLEAR THAT AKARI LEFT BY CHOICE..
MAYBE...
SHE'S GOTTEN INTO A SITUATION THAT'S PREVENTING HER FROM COMING BACK.
SO WITH THAT THOUGHT IN MIND. .
What?
Who do you want to speak to?
Akari Narita
parents
082-2XX-XXXX
home
Akita dept.
-san XXXXXX
AH,
THIS ISN'T THE NARITA RESI-DENCE?
Are you the guy who just called a few minutes ago?
We've had this number for the last twenty years! Geez!

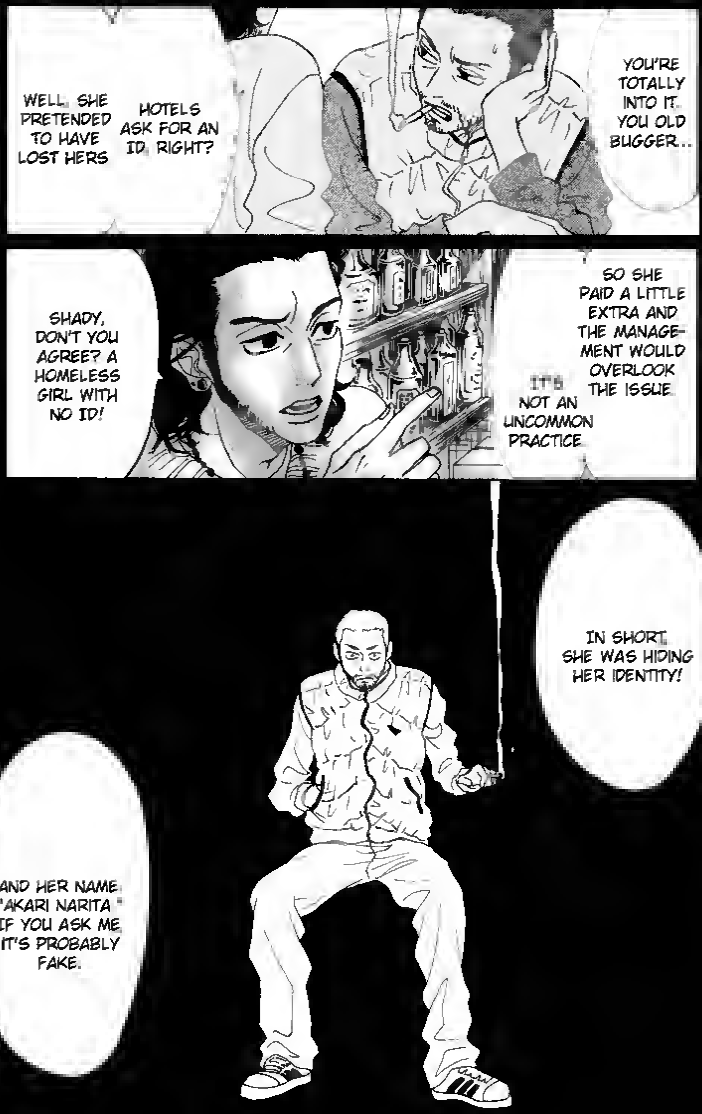
home
Aki
Huh?
AKITA DEPARTMENT, HAKUMEI-GUN?
You're way off!
This is Hiroshima! Can't you tell by the number?!
THERE IS NO HAKUMEI-GUN IN AKITA!
NO WAY!
GEEZ!
AKITA IS WELL-KNOWN FOR ITS BEAUTIES.
AND ITS SUICIDE RATE.
AND BEAUTIES ARE KNOWN TO DIE YOUNG.


HUH?
JUST TELL ME HOW TO CONTACT THEM. YOU NEVER KNOW WHAT MAY HAPPEN!
YOU WANT TO CALL MY PARENTS AND INTRODUCE YOURSELF!?
NO WAY!
HERE.
parents
home
No other reason!
ONE CONDITION. ONLY CONTACT THEM IF I'M DEAD.
THAT'S OKAY.
I CAME TO TOKYO TO GET AWAY FROM THEM.
SO FORGET ABOUT IT.
AND NOW...
SHE DID THAT TO MAKE FUN OF ME!
SHE LIED TO ME!

TOTALLY FOOLED.
clack
I'M JUST LIKE THOSE GUYS SHE TALKS TO IN HER JOB...
SHIT!
154 REPLIES TO THAT ONE...
I used to dance for The Underground, but I got fired because I'm into stuff that's too kinky for them.
.....
GEEZ,
IF I DIDN'T KNOW ANY BETTER, I WOULD HAVE REPLIED TO THAT ONE TOO.
What am I, an animal?
Tanc

HO HO HO
IT'S OKAY, MR SUGAWARA. THE RENT IS ALL TAKEN CARE OF.
UM ..
I MEAN, DID MY ROOMMATE GIVE YOU ANY INFORMATION?
HER EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION?
I've lost the numbers...
OH, RIGHT!
WHAT?
I REMEMBER ASKING HER FOR IT SEVERAL TIMES, BUT SHE ALWAYS FORGOT...
SHE TOLD ME SHE GAVE IT TO YOU...
COULD YOU HAVE MISPLACED IT?

WHAT DOES THAT MEAN?
BRO, THIS IS SERIOUS!
I'VE SEARCHED ALL OVER FOR AKARI...
WHAT?!
YOU CALLED ME HERE JUST FOR THAT?!
YOU'VE GOT SOME NERVE!
LISTEN, GEEZ.
FIRST I ASKED A GUY AT HER OFFICE TO SEND ME A COPY OF HER RESUME.
BUT SHE GAVE THEM THAT AKITA NUMBER.
SO YOU SEE, YOU'RE NOT THE ONLY ONE SHE LIED TO.
NOT EVEN A PHOTO.
AND THIS ADDRESS... IT'S WHERE SHE LIVED BEFORE SHE MOVED IN WITH YOU.
IT'S A HOTEL. PRETTY SHADY.
DID YOU CHECK IT OUT?
OF COURSE! I EVEN PRETENDED TO BE WITH THE POLICE!


YOU'RE TOTALLY INTO IT, YOU OLD BUGGER...
HOTELS ASK FOR AN ID, RIGHT?
WELL, SHE PRETENDED TO HAVE LOST HERS
SO SHE PAID A LITTLE EXTRA AND THE MANAGEMENT WOULD OVERLOOK THE ISSUE.
IT'S NOT AN UNCOMMON PRACTICE.
SHADY, DON'T YOU AGREE? A HOMELESS GIRL WITH NO ID!
IN SHORT, SHE WAS HIDING HER IDENTITY!
AND HER NAME, "AKARI NARITA" IF YOU ASK ME, IT'S PROBABLY FAKE.

AKARI-CHAN, WELL...
IT'S A MYSTERY, THAT'S ALL...
From the butt commando
THAT'S NOT FUNNY.
UNDERSTAND NOW, BRO?
I'M GOING TO FIND OUT THE TRUTH.
SHE MUST HAVE RUN AWAY FROM HOME, MAYBE BECAUSE SHE OWED MONEY...
OR SHE'S A CRIMINAL
SHE MOVED IN WITH ME JUST LIKE THAT.
I'D LIKE TO GO TO YOUR PLACE

IN SHORT, SHE WAS LOOKING FOR A PLACE.
AND SHE HATED TAKING PHOTOS AND MEETING NEW PEOPLE...
BECAUSE SHE DIDN'T WANT TO BE TRACKED DOWN.
LEAVE ME ALONE! I WON'T GO!
I HAVE NO INTEREST IN YOUR FRIENDS.
SAME GOES FOR LIVING UNDER A TENT!
FINE, BE LIKE THAT!
I'LL GO MYSELF!
Idiot
ANYWAY, I'VE NEVER MET YOUR FRIENDS!
DON'T HAVE ANY.
NOT EVEN FROM YOUR HOME TOWN?
HOW ABOUT SINCE YOU CAME TO TOKYO?
NO, NONE. NOT EVEN FROM HOME.
FOR REAL?
DON'T LOOK AT ME LIKE THAT.
Well excuse me!

IT'S A PAIN LIVING WITH ME, RIGHT?
I DON'T LIKE GOING OUT, I HAVE NO FRIENDS, AND I'M NOT INTERESTED IN ANYTHING.
WHAT FOR?
YOU'RE ENOUGH.
BUT,
I'VE GOT TO APOLO-GIZE.
I'M NOT CRYING.
DON'T CRY.
I'M NOT SORRY FOR THAT.
WELL, NO NEED TO BE SORRY,
I DON'T WANT TO GO CAMPING.
IT BUGS ME
DON'T SAY THAT, YOU HAVE TO GO.
OR ELSE I'LL HAVE WASTED MY TIME BUYING A TENT.
WE'LL PUT IT UP IN THE GARDEN.

IS THIS CAMPING?
SEEMS MORE LIKE A TEA PARTY.
YEAH, YOU'RE RIGHT.
I'VE NEVER GONE CAMPING BEFORE.
OH,
REALLY?
I guess not many people do anymore.
YEAH.
TENT, SLEEPING BAG, THIS IS MY FIRST TIME.

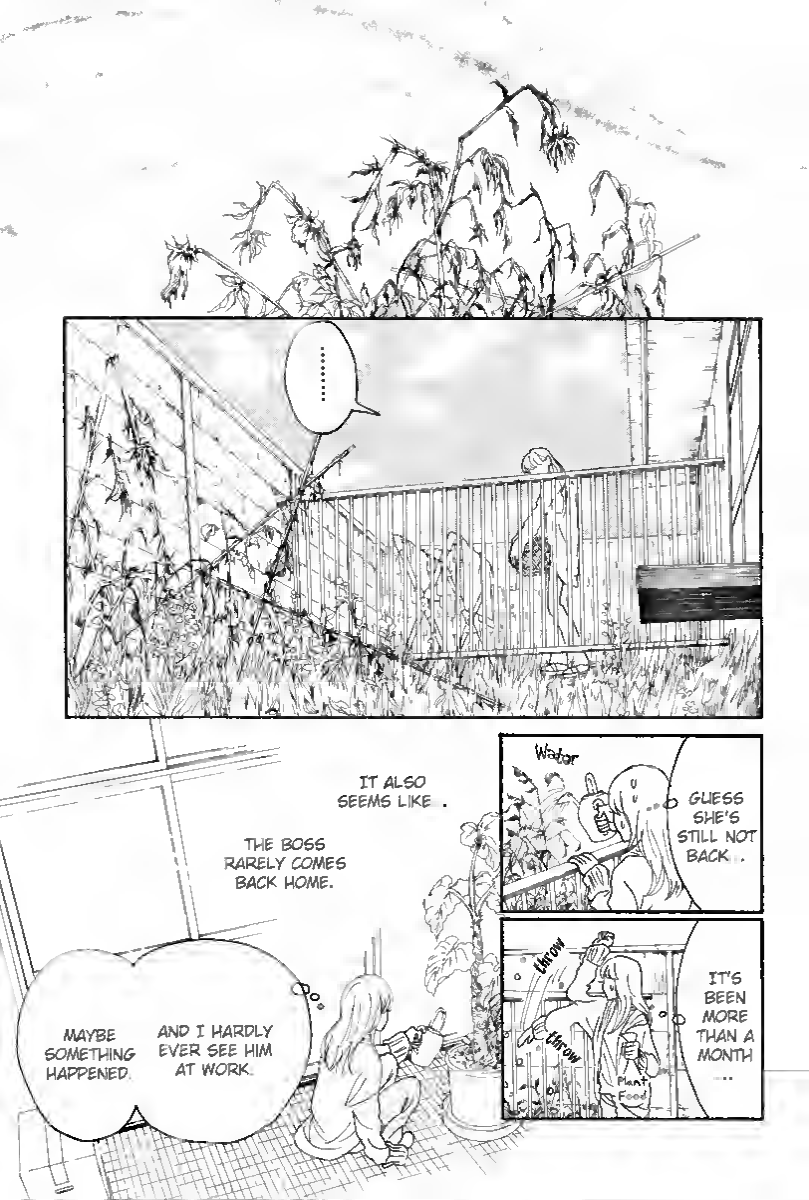
NOOOO.
IS IT TOO HOT?
EVEN OUTSIDE, YOU'RE WARM.
CAN I COME TO YOUR SIDE?
WHAT?
THAT'S GOOD
YEAH?
NOT BAD.
IT'S.

I FEEL...
REALLY AT EASE.

WE WERE TOGETHER FOR TEN MONTHS
IN ANY CASE .

I GUESS THOSE
TEN MONTHS MEANT
NOTHING TO HER.

THAT BITCH!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Water
GUESS SHE'S STILL NOT BACK..
IT ALSO SEEMS LIKE.
THE BOSS RARELY COMES BACK HOME.
Uhrow
Uhrow
Plant Food
IT'S BEEN MORE THAN A MONTH...
MAYBE SOMETHING HAPPENED.
AND I HARDLY EVER SEE HIM AT WORK.

OH NO!
MAYBE BECAUSE THEY'RE GETTING MARRIED SOON?
I STILL HAVE TO GET EVERYTHING SORTED OUT. YOU CAN MOVE IN FIRST. .
Newlyweds
A new place
AND AKARI LEFT FIRST?
COULD THEY BE MOVING AWAY?
"WHAT WILL HAPPEN WILL HAPPEN."
THAT'S WHAT COULD HAVE HAPPENED
IN FACT, THAT MAKES A LOT OF SENSE. .
IT WOULD EXPLAIN A LOT .
Slam
HE DID SAY IT, RIGHT?
AAHH, EVEN HE SAID IT.
Gah!

Clack
Clink
Book
Click
.....
AH.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!
happy Birthday!
UMEMIYA, FOR YOUR 25TH BIRTHDAY!
WHAT?!
AH!
YOU DIDN'T TELL US!
WELL, YEAH...
25 candles, that's bold!
IT'S TODAY, RIGHT?
OH COME ON!

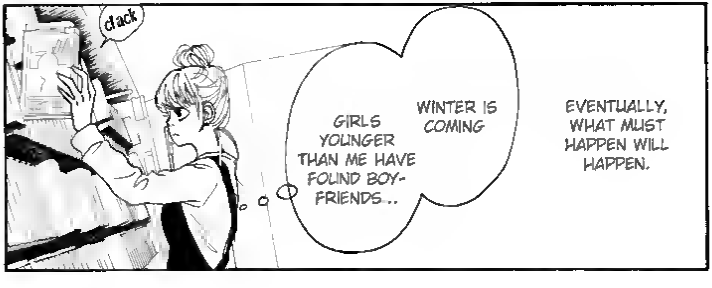
NO...
Please don't sing.
Deaaar
Shino-chan
Happyyy birthdaaay...
REALLY? HAPPY BIRTHDAY!
OH! WHAT A PRETTY CAKE!
HAPPY BIRTHDAY!
clap clap clap
Blow
Little rascal
NOW I GET IT!
I WONDERED WHY HE WAS HERE, SINCE HE'S ON THE EVENING SHIFT..
THANKS!
WOW.
YEAH.
I APPRECIATE YOU, SO...
KAWATANI BOUGHT IT, YOU SHOULD THANK HIM.

Ladykiller...
IT'S THAT THOUGHTFULNESS AND ATTENTION TO DETAIL THAT WON BACK HIS EX-GIRLFRIEND
HERE,
I'VE CUT THE CAKE.
OH.. WHO KNOWS...
Happy Birthday!
YOU GET THE BEST PIECE, SHINO-CHAN.

AH, THERE HE GOES... THEY'RE GETTING BACK TOGETHER

OH WELL, IT'S BETTER THIS WAY...

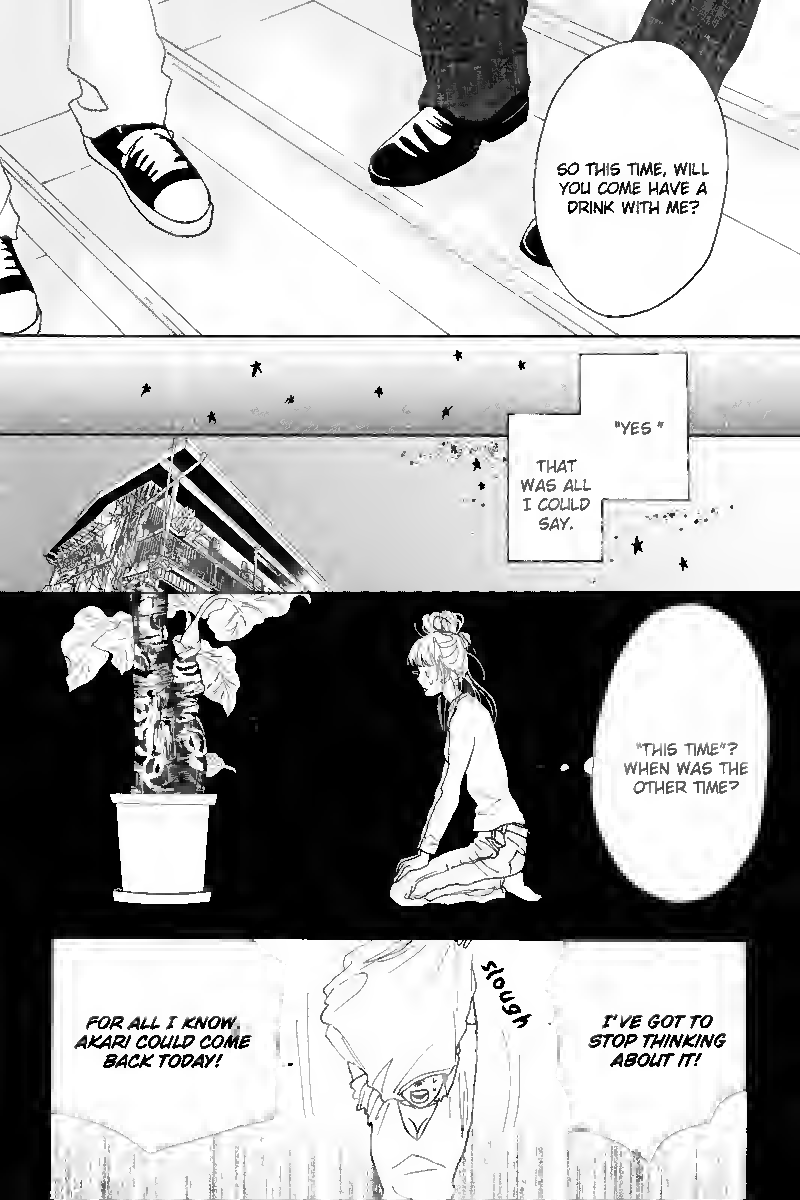
DRAT!



I'M 25 YEARS OLD..
WHAT SHOULD I DO WITH MYSELF?!
Nothing, maybe..
BOSS!
I'VE NOT SEEN YOU IN A WHILE.
WHAT A SUR-PRISE!
UMEMIYA, YOU'RE ON THE DAY SHIFT?
OH?
WHAT?
YOUR BEARD..

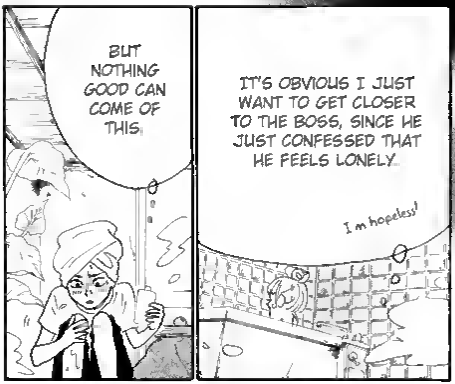
WELL...
SEE? I STILL HAVE IT.
LIKE YOU SAID...
YOU DON'T LIKE IT?
I don't see why!
HOW DO I LOOK?
Does it look horrible?
I MEAN, YOUR MOUSTACHE...
HEH...
HOW DO I ANSWER THAT?

AKARI STILL ISN'T BACK.
WELL, IT'S HER PROBLEM BUT...
I FEEL LONELY... TERRIBLY LONELY.


SO THIS TIME, WILL YOU COME HAVE A DRINK WITH ME?
"YES"
THAT WAS ALL I COULD SAY.
"THIS TIME"? WHEN WAS THE OTHER TIME?
FOR ALL I KNOW, AKARI COULD COME BACK TODAY!
slough
I'VE GOT TO STOP THINKING ABOUT IT!

AT THE WORST,

OUR RELATIONSHIP COULD END BITTERLY.


BUT NOTHING GOOD CAN COME OF THIS.
IT'S OBVIOUS I JUST WANT TO GET CLOSER TO THE BOSS, SINCE HE JUST CONFESSED THAT HE FEELS LONELY.
I'm hopeless!

WHO KNOWS?!

OR MAYBE I'M JUST A SUBSTITUTE WHILE AKARI'S AWAY.

I NEED TO STOP THINKING, OR ELSE I WON'T BE ABLE TO SLEEP. I SHOULD HAVE ASKED FOR TOMORROW OFF...!
THAT'S ENOUGH!
OH! HI, UNHAPPY BRO!
HEY, HEY, IS SHE A SPY?! CAN YOU TELL US?
TELL US!
KINJI! I DIDN'T COME HERE TO BE TREATED LIKE THIS!
SORRY, WE DID INVITE YOU. WERE YOU BUSY?

A CLEVER PERSON WOULD GET STRAIGHT TO THE POINT.
VERY DIRECTLY!
THERE ARE LOTS OF WEIRD THINGS GOING ON IN MY HEAD.
TIME TO GET UP...
BUT I HAVE SORT OF COME TO MY OWN CONCLUSION.
The face...
Slide
IT WAS HERE OR THE GYM.
NOT REALLY ...
WHAT?
Regular
Boss
YOU TOO, BOSS!
WELL, GOOD TO SEE YOU!
Cheers!
AM 6:58
.....

HaHa Ha Ha
slide →
Tchac

Whisper——
.....
Hahahaha
AKARI... SHE HAS LONG HAIR, NOW.
ANOTHER GIRL!
I DIDN'T EXPECT THAT AT ALL!
I'M SUCH AN IDIOT!

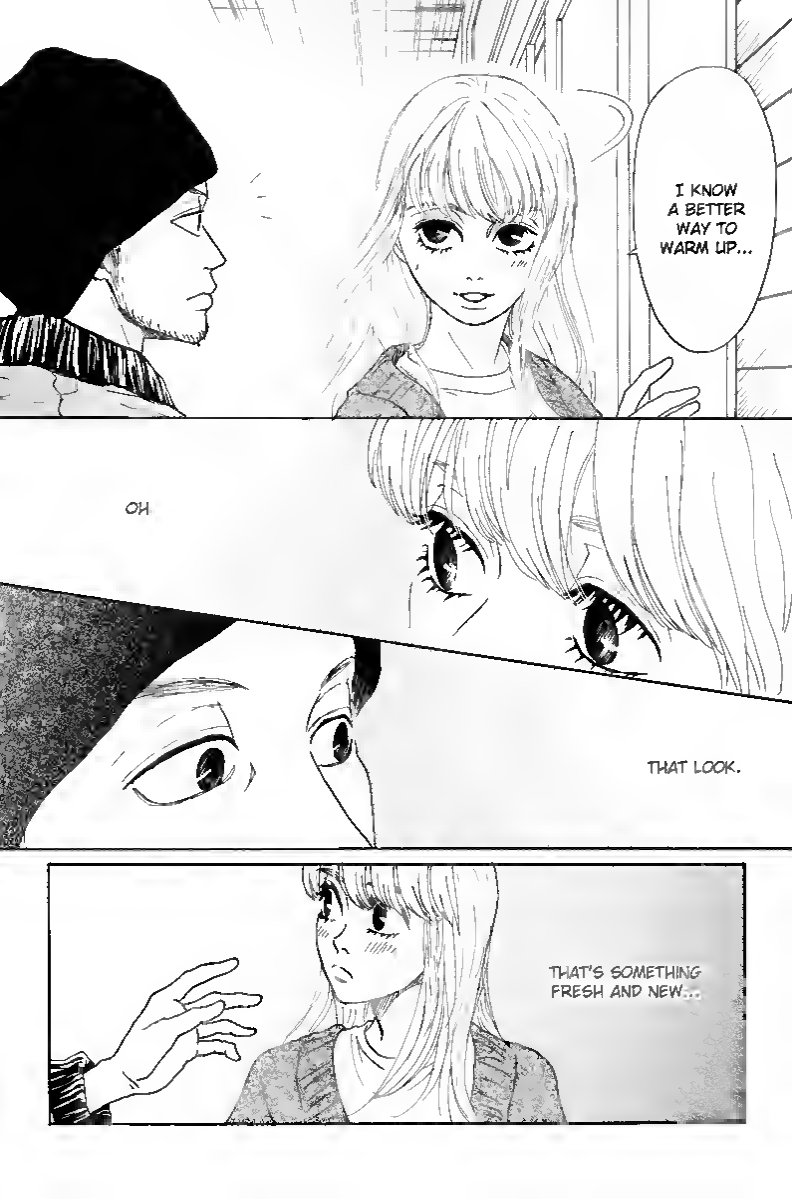
IF I'D KNOWN A MONTH AGO,
I WOULD HAVE MADE A MOVE
I SHOULD HAVE TRIED!
"WHAT WILL HAPPEN WILL HAPPEN."
Pound

pound
pound
pound
pound
pound
pound
pound
pound
.....
slide

SHE LEFT.
THE OTHER GIRL...
WELL...
WHY?
WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?!
WHAT?
Ah-choo!
CAN I COME OVER TO YOUR PLACE?
AREN'T YOU COLD?

CAN WE TALK FOR A WHILE?
.....
I...
I'VE SET UP A KOTATSU. .
Woah

I'M HESI-TATING, I'M HESITATING
HUP!
Woah!
WOW.. THAT'S GREAT! A KOTATSU...
I DON'T HAVE ONE.
OH, YEAH..
MY PLACE IS FILLED WITH BOXES.
SO DON'T BE ALARMED.
I DON'T CARE. AS LONG AS IT'S WARMER THAN OUT HERE.


I KNOW A BETTER WAY TO WARM UP...
OH
THAT LOOK.
THAT'S SOMETHING FRESH AND NEW...

UMEMIYA...

THAT'S WHY I TOLD THAT GIRL TO LEAVE.
"SHE'LL BE ANGRY, AND I DON'T WANT THAT." THAT'S WHAT I THOUGHT.
I'D LIKE IT IF YOU CAME TO ME...
IF YOU'RE FEELING LONELY...
.....
YEAH...
YES, I'D LIKE THAT, BUT
AAH
I LOVE YOU.
BUT,

I WAS ONCE A STRANGER

BUT NOW I SEEM TO HAVE BEEN
PROMOTED TO A CONSOLER.

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